

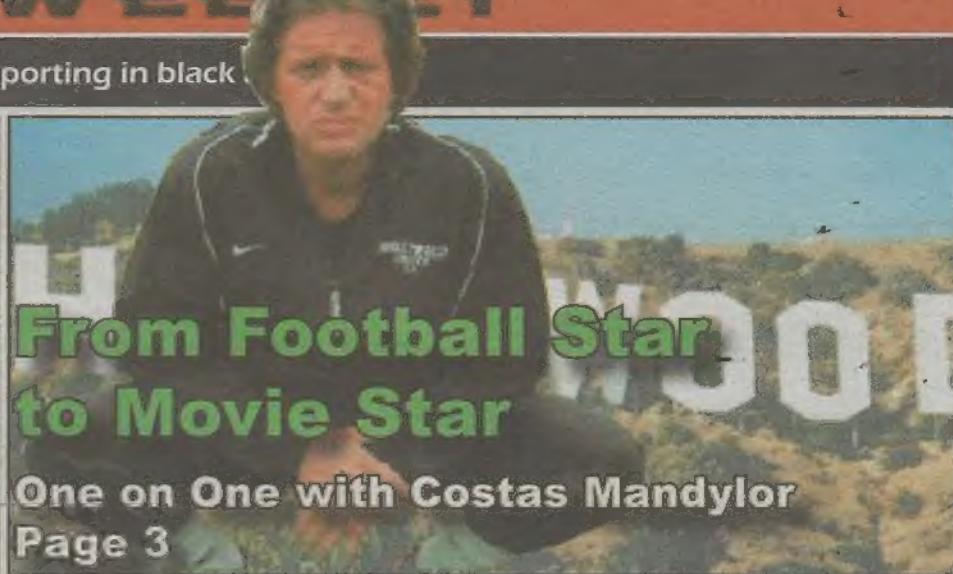
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From Football Star To Movie Star

Vinnie Jones and Eric Cantona have done it, as too did Bobby Moore, Ossie Ardiles, John Wark and Russell Osman, amongst others, in the classic football movie, "Escape to Victory." We even saw Alan Shearer, David Beckham and Sven Goran Eriksson give it a go in the film "Goal!" earlier this year.

With well over 50 production credits under his belt, former Victorian footballer Costas Mandylor, can also stake claim to swapping the floodlights of a football field to the bright lights of Hollywood. In the days when summers were never ending and cicadas deafening, Costas' passion for the round ball game grew from "kicking it around" with his brother Louis in the streets and parks of Elwood. Under the guidance of the legendary Paddy Bannon the boys graduated from playing park football to winning a State League Championship medal with their local club at the time, Melbourne-Hungaria. Strong performances throughout the season culminated in a move to the ambitious Green Gully Cavaliers. Mandylor capped off a memorable debut season, by scoring in the 1986 Dockerty Cup Final to help Gully beat Preston 2-1, after Gary Cole had put the Lions ahead.

Potential moves to South Melbourne and Greek giants Panathinaikos were also serious possibilities until shin splints prematurely ended a promising football career. As one door closes, another one opens, as they say and after making his way to the United States to visit a friend, Costas signed up for some acting classes and was "spotted" by a local agent. Mandylor's career break came when he was cast in his first film *Triumph of the Spirit* with William Dafoe and the rest is history. He's worked for Director Oliver Stone in *The Doors* and was also cast alongside Christian Slater, Chris Penn and Anthony Quinn as Frank Costello in the feature film *Mobsters*. Mandylor also starred in the CBS TV series *Picket Fences*. It won fourteen Emmy Awards (including "Best Dramatic Series" twice) and one Golden Globe in its four-year run from 1992-96. A substantial following for the show still persists today, and it's popular as reruns in western Europe, especially in France, Germany, and Denmark. In Australia recently for the first time in over a decade, Goal! Weekly caught up with Costas to find out what he's up to these days.

How long has it been since you were back in Australia?

It's been ten years since I've been back home in Melbourne. It is one of the premier cities of the world and coming back has been a fulfilling experience for certain reasons. Being with the family, catching up with soccer players I used to play with, school friends, and seeing all the crazy people that I know in Melbourne.

What actually brought you back, was it work, pleasure...?

I've always wanted to come back, but I had to wait for the right time. In this particular case it was to shoot a movie called "Torn". I landed at 5.30 in the morning and we just had to go for it. The movie experience was wonderful and in many cases it

was tough job because it was done on a small budget, but we made it with some good people who are hungry. The head of Instinct Entertainment, Dean Murphy, brought me out and the main reason I came back was to do the film but also it was very pleasing see everybody else. I was in a bit of shock to be back where I had grown up after such long time, but I really enjoyed hanging out with the people I love and who have showed me so much respect, that I'll never forget.

Who else is in the movie?

The main guy was Damian Richardson, who is one of Australia's great up and coming character actors and it should be ready for release in about three or four months.

What's the flick actually about?

Generally it's about two guys whose lives collide. It becomes a struggle whereby one man makes another man's life a misery by trying to empower himself through the torturing of the other guy.

Any other movies our readers should look out for?

There's one in particular called "Beowulf". It's a very ancient story about Vikings and it's directed by Robert Zemeckis, whose previous works include "Forrest Gump" and "Back to the Future". I was fortunate enough to work with Anthony Hopkins, Angelina Jolie, Robert De Niro, Brendan Gleeson and Robin Wright. I got to work with these guys for ten weeks and should be out at the end of the year. The other one to look out for is a football movie soon to be released called "Game of their Lives", which is about the American team which shocked the world to beat an England team that included Stanley Matthews, 1-0 at the 1950 World Cup.

Are you still playing football now?

I play for a team called Hollywood United. Anthony La Paglia is our goalkeeper, Vinnie Jones plays for us when he's in town and we're coached by the former French international and Chelsea player Frank Leboeuf. It's a really good team and we've gone about 45 games undefeated. We've got a good bunch of players that come and go, and it's really enjoyable.

Are you still enjoying life in America after all this time?

America has been good to me, but after being in Melbourne for this trip it feels like there will always be something that will be missing because I can't always be here. When I come back next time we're going to organize a big charity game with all the old players like Alan Davidson, Eddie Krnecovic and Theo Selemidis, to do something for the kids.

Do you follow the American league much?

I've been gone so much I haven't seen much of it lately, but it's getting stronger all the time. The kids are into it and there's a lot of money over there to back it up. I'm sort of connected with the LA Galaxy and we actually played a practice game against them. It was 1-1 at half-time before they made loads of changes and we lost 5-1.

What were your thoughts on the World Cup?
Some of the Africans played good soccer, but weren't quite there. The Aussies were magnificent, but were ripped off! I was so upset because we didn't deserve to go out the way it all happened. I think Zidane is a hero and should have headed Materazzi in the face instead of his chest. With the exception of Cannavaro I wasn't a big fan of the way Italy went about its business. I didn't see greatness in this World Cup instead there was too much



Costas in the 1991 film "Mobsters"

diving and showmanship.

Do you hold good memories of playing football in Australia?

I love how the game has developed there and my greatest ever memories are as a kid, as a teenager and as a grown man playing soccer back in Melbourne. It's hard to supersede the euphoria of playing soccer.

Advice to youngsters?

Believe in your dreams, don't avoid your parents' advice and don't follow anybody, do what you want to do. If you make any bad decisions, be responsible for it. Life will take us through many different turns and don't let anyone else determine your dreams. Make the most of your opportunities and go for it.

Thanks Costas for spending time with Goal! Weekly.

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Subzero 2005
The Shore 2004
Scent Of Murder 2004
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Crossfire 1995
Fatal Past 1994
Almost Dead 1994
Delta of Venus 1994
Mobsters 1991

Filmography



Costas playing for Green Gully during the 1986 Dockerty Cup quarter final against Fawkner



VODAFONE CUP

DETAILS



FINALS SERIES

ELIMINATION FINAL ONE

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 – 0 GREEN GULLY
Friday 1st September Bob Jane Stadium Crowd: 2058

Goals: F.De Moraes (SM) 83rd, G.Tsirtis (SM) 89th, A.Oliveira (SM) 90th.
Yellow cards: S.De Vitto (SM), C.Blatsis (SM), D.Djulbic (SM), Z.Markovski (GG), R.Olleerton (GG), L.Lapsansky (GG).
Red cards: None

South: D.Anastasiadis, S.De Vitto, C.Blatsis (G.Tsirtis 75th), A.Oliveira, D.Djulbic, R.Tavancioglu, F.De Moraes (A.Bourakis 87th), T.Baser, S.MacNicol, G.De Nittis, A.Naglieri.

Gully: P.Schwalger, D.Fak, Z.Markovski (P.Hader 85th), J.Flemming, B.Vassallo, M.Sanders, J.Nikolic (S.Oksuz 72nd), R.Ollerston, A.Vargas (R.Cardozo 66th), L.Lapsansky, S.Camilleri.

ELIMINATION FINAL TWO

HEIDELBERG UNITED 5 – 1 KINGSTON CITY
Sunday 3rd September Knights Stadium Crowd: 1200

Goals: M.Curcija (KC) 13th, J.Tricarico (HU) 16th & 78th, J.Groenwald (HU) 35th, N.Marinos (HU) 71st, D.Barakat (HU) 90th.
Yellow cards: D.Jones (HU) 5th, J.Tricarico (HU) 19th, T.Ouliaris (HU) 50th, N.Sabljak (HU) 69th, C.Konstans (KC) 81st.
Red cards: None.

Bergers:L.Acevski, P.Roberts, D.Jones , R.Liparotti, A.Gjuni, A.Petrovic, T.Ouliaris, J.Groenwald (N.Marinos 68th) Marinos (D.Barakat 81st), N.Sabljak, A.Vlahos, J.Tricarico (S.Romein 85th)

Kingston: D.Zlic, S.Iosifidis, C.Konstans, A.Chiappetta (J.Di Iorio 65th), D.Tsiaras, N.Stamatiou, M.Stergiopoulos, J.Latinopoulos (A.Kiratzoglou 52nd), P.Koutsoupias (J.Spiteri 72nd), X.Xhang, M.Curcija.

QUALIFYING FINAL
OAKLEIGH CANNONS 0 – 2 ALTONA MAGIC
Sunday 3rd September Bob Jane Stadium Crowd: 1100

Goals: S.Mrkela (AM) 38th, S.Becvinovski (AM) 47th.
Yellow cards: G.Goutzioulis (OC)
Red cards: G.Goutzioulis (OC) 75th.

Cannons: S.Webster, A.Ewin, R.Kumar, G.Goutzioulis, A.Pelikan (V.Toma 69th), J.Nilo, E.Masi, C.Boutsianis, B.Damianos, S.Poutakidis, S.Webster.

Magic: B.Jevdevic, S.Mrkela, L.Osman, D.Mladenovic, K.Delev (T.Razov 81st), A.Opazo, S.Becvinovski (S.Zlic 70th), I.Arsovski, P.Cergovski, I.Razov, D.Vasilevski,

Heidelberg
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Finals



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VODAFONE CUP TABLE- Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	26	16	7	3	47	24	55
Altona Magic	26	12	7	7	32	23	43
South Melbourne	26	12	6	8	45	28	42
Heidelberg Utd	26	12	5	9	43	36	41
Kingston City	26	11	5	10	37	39	38
Green Gully	26	10	7	9	45	40	37
Preston Lions	26	10	7	9	45	46	37
Richmond Eagles	26	9	8	9	41	38	35
Bulleen Zebras	26	9	6	11	27	36	33
Fawkner-Whittlesea	26	10	1	15	38	51	31
Essendon Royals	26	8	6	12	32	37	30
Melbourne Knights	26	8	6	12	33	39	30
Sunshine Georgies	26	8	6	12	30	36	30
Frankston Pines	26	6	5	15	23	45	23

The Final Six



Week 1

Qualifying Final

Oakleigh 0 - 0 Altona

Bob Jane Stadium
Sunday, 03 Sept
Crowd:

Elimination Finals

South 3 - 0 Gully

Bob Jane Stadium
Friday, 01 Sept

Heidelberg 5 - 1 Kingston

Knights Stadium
Sunday, 03 Sept

Week 2

2nd Semi-Final

Altona Magic

v
South Melbourne
refer to FFV website for KO times and venue details

Winner goes straight to Grand Final
Loser goes to Preliminary Final

1st Semi-Final

Oakleigh Cannons

v
Heidelberg Utd
refer to FFV website for KO times and venue details

Loser is Eliminated

Week 3

Winner of 2nd Semi Final has Week Break

Preliminary Final

Loser of 2nd Semi Final

v
Winner of 1st SF

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The Finals

Week 4

Grand Final



Winner of 2nd Semi Final

Winner of Preliminary Final

Champions

VODAFONE CUP UNDER-21s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	26	16	4	6	57	28	52
Preston Lions SC	25	15	4	6	49	36	49
Richmond SC	26	14	5	7	53	38	47
Sunshine Georgies SC	26	12	5	9	63	38	41
South Melbourne FC	25	12	5	8	52	41	41
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	24	11	7	6	44	31	40
Oakleigh Cannons FC	26	11	6	9	54	43	39
Bulleen Zebras SC	24	11	4	9	40	37	37
Heidelberg United SC	24	10	6	8	36	34	36
Essendon Royals SC	25	8	5	12	28	41	29
Altona Magic SC	25	8	1	16	38	58	25
Frankston Pines SC	25	8	0	17	40	62	24
Melbourne Knights SC	26	7	1	18	28	60	22
Kingston City SC	25	5	3	17	30	65	18

Preston Lions 2

Essendon Royals 0

Kingston City 3

Sunshine Georgies 1

Fawkner-Whittlesea 1

Heidelberg United 0

Altona Magic 0

Green Gully 2

South Melbourne 3

Frankston Pines 0

Oakleigh Cannons 3

Richmond 2

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Sash Becvinovski

Altona Magic FC 17

Michael Curcija

Kingston City FC 16

James Robinson

Richmond Eagles FC 13

Esaja Masi

Oakleigh Cannons FC 12

Mark Tsiorias

Fawkner/Whittlesea 12

Anthony Magnacca

Preston Lions 11

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MAGIC ASSAULT SILENCES CANNONS

MINOR CHAMPS LOOK TO DOUBLE CHANCE

Oakleigh Cannons 0 - 2 Altona Magic



Altona Magic confirmed their status as a serious title contender with a convincing 2-0 victory over minor premiers Oakleigh Cannons, on Sunday evening at Bob Jane Stadium.

First half goals to skipper Stiven Mrkela and Sash Beccinovski gave the Magic a deserved victory.

A sudden downpour greeted the players as they walked out onto Bob Jane ensuring a wet fast surface for the qualifying final.

Injury and suspension to key Cannons defenders Felix Rosman and Anton Kovacic respectively, forced Cannons coach Stuart Munro to reshuffle his defense putting midfielder Scott Webster into a central defensive position and Raj Kumar into the left back position. The Magic began with their preferred 3-4-3 formation.

Kumar's errant back pass in the 12th minute gifted Magic striker Sash Beccinovski with an early chance but the normally deadly marksman fired wide of the target, under pressure from the Cannons' defence. Pece Cergovski's cross from the left flank gave Beccinovski his next shot on goal when his first time volley from 15 metres forced a diving Stuart Webster to save at his near post.

A torrential downpour in the 27th minute threatened to upset the football on the park.

Beccinovski's strength and balance in the trying conditions allowed him to get goal-side of Cannons defender

Adam Ewing but the striker again fired wide of the post with just the keeper to beat.

Whilst Magic were fashioning some good openings, they were restricting the Cannons to ineffective long distance strikes. George Goutzioulis, Anthony Pelikan and Con Boutsianis each had a go from distance but failed to trouble the keeper.

The Magic's opener came from a 20 metre free kick in the 38th minute. Magic striker Alfonso Opazo went down under a Sam Poutakidis challenge on the edge of the box. Skipper Stiven Mrkela stepped up and his low drive found the back of the net.

The best was yet to come for the Magic, in injury time of the first half, when a rapid interchange of passes in midfield tore open the Oakleigh defense to put Cergovski in behind the Cannons back four. The Magic midfielder drove into the box and his low left foot strike appeared to stray wide of the mark, but found Beccinovski in the six yard box, on the blind side of his defender, to hammer home Altona's second.

The Cannons sprung to life in the 55th minute when Con Boutsianis's shot forced a diving save from Magic keeper Bojo Jevdevic. However, they lacked their usual width and penetration down the flanks as Magic's attacking formation forced the Cannons fullbacks deep.

A swift Magic counterattack caught the Cannons short of defensive cover and Beccinovski found himself with

another excellent chance from inside the box, which he again sprayed wide.

Beccinovski came off to a rousing reception from the Magic fans in the 70th minute when Stanko Zilic replaced him. Zilic was soon in the play when his cross-come-shot flew narrowly over the crossbar.

Cannons' midfielder George Goutzioulis drew the wrath of the Magic fans and the red card from the referees' shirt for a second bookable offense, which leaves his coach with another suspension headache for next week's match.

Substitute Veresa Toma offered some hope in attack for the Cannons and his effort in the 88th minute whizzed past Jevdevic's far post.

Magic can now look forward to a Major semi final against South Melbourne, knowing they have earned the luxury of a double chance, whilst the Cannons must front up in the sudden death minor semi to face a Heidelberg team, that has already beaten them this year.

By George Stogiannou
Photos by John Punshon

What the Coaches Said...

Stuart Munro
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

From our point of view it was obviously very disappointing. We never really played with any real intelligence. Altona were a bit too clever for us and even though we had lots of possession we never really created any real chance or openings. It was a disappointing day for us and we deserved the double chance and we'll have to use it to our advantage next week.

Vlado Tortevski
Coach, Altona Magic:

Like last week we played a very good game. Tactically and physically the boys gave 100% - full credit to the squad, they deserve the second chance in the finals and now with our confidence back we're looking for the Final.

Man of the Match
Sash Beccinovski
(Magic)

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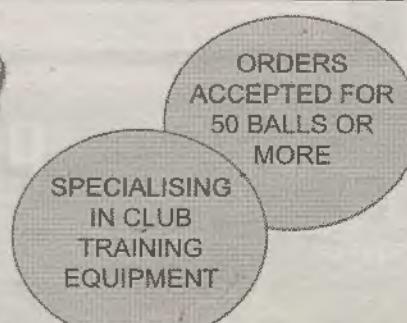


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HEIDELBERG GOAL FRENZY SEES KINGSTON ELIMINATED

Heidelberg Utd Warriors 5 - 1 Kingston City



Heidelberg's Nick Marinos celebrates his goal

Jubilant scenes greeted the final whistle at Knights stadium as the die hard band of Heidelberg supporters cheered their team off the field after a comprehensive five goals to one dismantling of Kingston City.

This was a game which the Bergers simply wanted a whole lot more, from the start of the game to the final whistle, the Heidelberg players put themselves about and showed a greater desire for the ball and to create the opportunities that would expose the goals of Daniel Zillic. The first 15 minutes or so were fairly even with both teams having a few half chances though none of these troubled either keeper. The game turned in favor of the team in yellow when a ball played out of defense fell onto the foot of Joe Tricarico who turned on one of his specialty bursts of speed to go past a fairly flat and static Kingston defense, he then hit a low shot past Zillic into the bottom corner to give Heidelberg the lead. Not a few minutes had past when Michael Curcija proved why he is one of the best predators in Victorian soccer when a scramble in the Kingston box saw Curcija find the space and time to hit a shot past Acevski to level the game.

The half finished with the Bergers taking the lead after a cross whipped in by Andy Vlahos was gleefully converted by Daniel Barakat who rifled his shot into the back of Zillic's net despite the best efforts of the Kingston custodian who got a fair piece of the ball. Half time and Heidelberg held a deserved two goals to one lead. The second half basically only one side came out as the Bergers were all over Kingston and more positive and sharper and dedicated to their cause. Kingston it seemed had come to their brick wall at this stage and had little to offer. It took till the mid way point of the half but no one was surprised when the Bergers extended their lead as a move from the back saw the ball squared to an unmarked Nick Marinos who blasted the ball into the net.

The goal that sealed the game came after Kingston's best chance of the game when Di Orio was through on goal but took a few extra steps and lost possession, the ball was swiftly moved and played through to Joe Tricarico who zipped passed a static defense and when one on one with Zillic there was only ever going to be one winner. Bergers four Kingston one.

The candy for the Bergers was added in the last few minutes by Joshua Gronewald as by this time the Kingston boys were heads down and totally beaten. The referee blew the final whistle and out go Kingston and on go Heidelberg. For Kingston's first season in the VPL it's a fair achievement to make the finals and while they should be disappointed with how the day turned out they can be quietly happy with their season. The Bergers can set their sights on next weeks game and another step on the 2006 finals road.

By Reuben Schembri
Photos by Daniel Flis

What the Coaches Said...

Con Pappas

Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

It was a bit tight in the first half, it was a typical finals game. In the second half the boys put on a better show and increased the tempo. We got the breaks and it's certainly a confidence booster. We're looking forward to next week's game.

Ken Murphy

Coach, Kingston City:

We gave it a good push but we gave away two soft goals after probably having most of the play. As soon as we opened it up, they were too good for us and caught us on the break too many times. We've been too reckless and not been solid enough in defence. If you can't do that then you're simply going to get beat.

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SOUTH THROUGH TO PRELIMINARY, CHAMPS ELIMINATED

South Melbourne 3 - 0 Green Gully Cavaliers

League giants South Melbourne have progressed to the Major Semi-Final of the Vodafone Cup, eliminating Green Gully in the process, after the side eased past the reigning champions 3-0 at Bob Jane Stadium on Friday night.

The victory was ensured in an emphatic final ten minutes, as the lakeside based club slotted three past an out of sorts Gully unit that struggled to contain the irrepressible Fernando.

South's resident Brazilian opened the scoring for the home side in the 82nd minute with a brilliantly taken free-kick, before George Tzirtis and Andreas Oliviera sealed the win in front of an impressive home crowd of 2058.

Former Perth SC attacker Antonio Nagleir blasted high off Pasi Schwalger's inside five minutes, as South attempted to exploit Green Gully's mammoth back-four in the game's early stages.

But in the seventh minute, Joel Nikolic spurned a chance to give Gully the surprise early lead, shooting high from inside the 18-yard box, after wily midfielder Brandon Vassallo sent the attacker through on goal with a brilliantly weighted ball which caught the South defence off guard.

With South pushing forward in waves early in the half, a floating cross from former Melbourne Victory player Ramazan Tavsanoglu, almost sent his side into the lead, his cross dipping wickedly towards goal before drifting just wide.

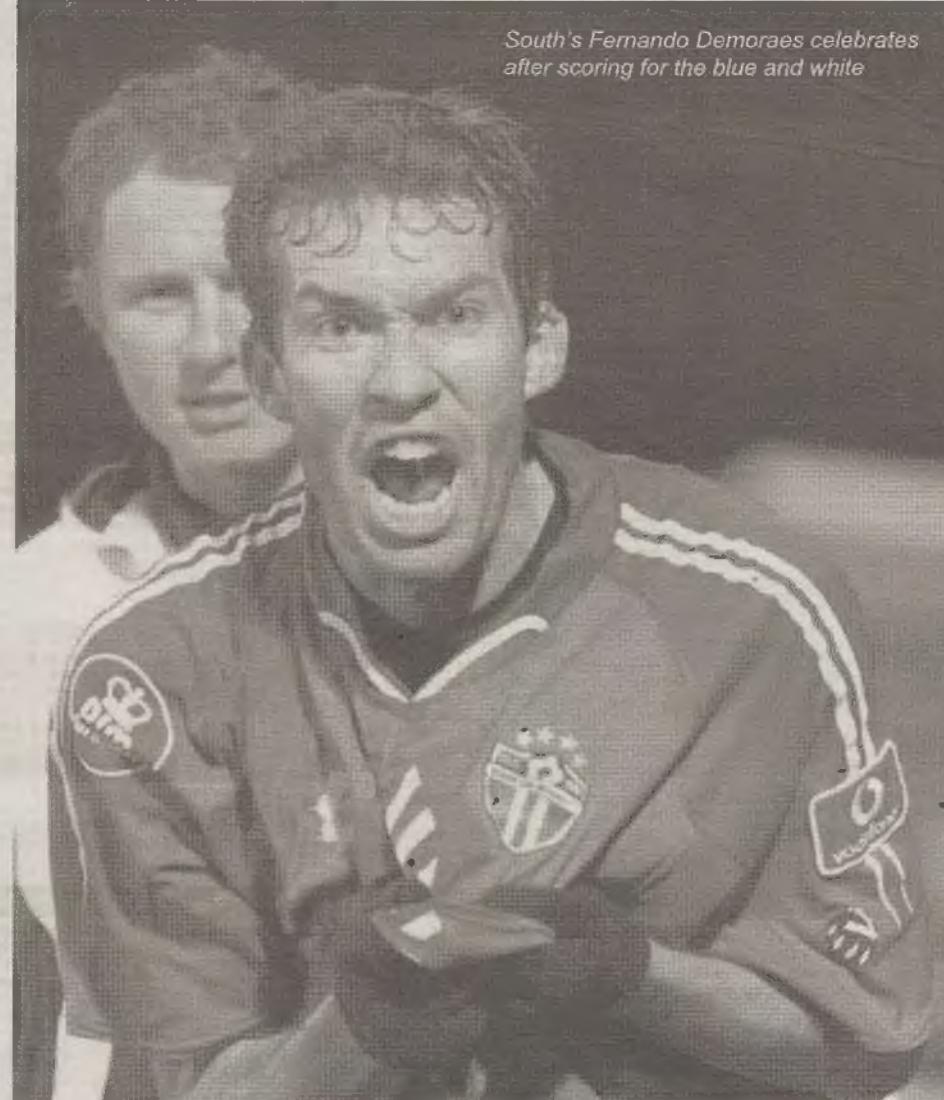
Brazilian star Fernando was instrumental through the midfield for his side, and after 15 minutes, he found himself in space in the area, but was only able to shoot into Schwalger.

On the half hour mark, Tavsanoglu made an embarrassing miss from six-yards out, shooting high off the Gully goal, after a Fernando corner was dealt with terribly by the usually steady Gully rearguard.

As his wizardry continued to leave Gully perplexed, a magnificently curled Fernando free-kick forced Schwalger into a spectacular diving save, again saving his side in their moment of need.

The usually influential Andy Vargas struggled to assert himself on the contest throughout the first half, as the South defence, marshalled by Con Blatsis, stifled Gully's creative genius of space in the final third of the park.

South commenced the half in the same fashion as they completed the first, as a speculative Tansel



South's Fernando Demoraes celebrates after scoring for the blue and white

What the Coaches Said...

John Anastasiadis

Coach, South Melbourne:

We were very happy with the boys who went out there and from start to finish really put the pressure on Gully. I felt we thoroughly deserved the win and the chance to go through to the next stage of the finals. Considering last Sunday when we played them it wasn't a good performance on our behalf, the boys bounced back and looking forward to the next game on

Friday. Dobson

Coach, Green Gully:

I think the score flattered South. They did play very well and had some good possession, but didn't really create any clear cut chances. I think we had the best clear cut chance of the night in the first half, but didn't take it. At the end of the day it's all about scoring goals and once we opened up after the 82nd minute they went on to score two late goals. We can take still some joy after what actually had happened in the last ten weeks of the season and can now move on and start to plan for the future. Good luck to them for the rest of the Finals.

Man of the Match
Fernando Demoraes
(South)

we can take something from making the finals," said the master-coach after the game. Gully fans can look forward to him returning for next season, while South will only look as far forward as next week and more Vodafone Cup finals action.

By Simon Chairelli, Courtesy of FFV



Baser effort skyed just high of goal.

Tasmanian-born youngster Matthew Sanders made South hearts flutter, as his shot from the edge of the area was driven just wide of the goal. Baser grew into prominence throughout the second period, as he sought to penetrate the Gully defence with his probing runs.

But the reigning champions continued to keep a dominant South side on edge, with Nikolic almost nodding the ball past the oncoming Dean Anastasiadis, after a dipping cross from Ryan Ollerton was dealt with poorly by the home side's defence on the hour-mark.

Dominating the right flank, Scott MacNicol's darting attempts to enter the penalty area caused further distress to an under siege Gully outfit, but the four-time national champions were unable to convert their dominance to the scoreboard.

When Oliviera was felled on the edge of the area, it granted South's Brazilian magician a golden chance to give his side the decisive advantage,

and he duly obliged curling the ball inside the right post, past the outstretched arms of Schwalger in the 82nd minute.

Vassallo almost replied instantaneously with a low drive, but one-time Socceroo Anastasiadis was up to the task, saving to his left.

As Gully attempted in vain to find an elusive equaliser, Tzirtis popped up to slot home a second for South, coolly shooting past the Gully custodian after Oliviera cut the ball inside to the midfielder.

Gully's late capitulation was completed in injury time, when Oliviera was brought down in the area by a rash challenge from behind.

The attacker took the resulting penalty, shooting to the left of Schwalger to cap off a memorable night for John Anastasiadis' men.

A circumspect Ian Dobson was disappointed after the game but also proud of what he and the team had achieved in his ten week's in charge. "Considering we were in the relegation mix, I guess



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STATE LEAGUES


Seniors
NORTH WEST 2
Reserves

Banyule City 1 (W Sismanis) Thomastown Devils 3 (V Pirozzi, N Addo 2) (HT: 0-0), Williamstown 2 (P Sequeira 2) Westgate 0 (D Mardas) (HT: 2-0), Yarraville Glory 0 Westgate 2 (A Vatzalakis, R Khan) (HT: 0-0), Pascoe Vale 0 Kelor Park 3 (D Gales, A El Dib 2) (HT: 0-3), Moreland City 8 (T Carson 3, A Mathers, C Bellomo, R Marcan 2) Lalor United 1 (M Taliowski) (HT: 2-1), Maribyrnong Greens 0 Altona City 6 (B Benac, G Papadopoulos, J Little, N Cullen, C Cullen 2) (HT: 0-2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westgate FC	21	15	2	4	48	20	47
Kelor Park SC	21	12	5	4	38	23	41
Williamstown SC	21	12	3	6	40	25	39
Altona City SC	21	12	3	8	29	18	39
Pascoe Vale SC	21	9	6	6	26	17	33
Yarraville Glory FC	21	8	6	7	26	29	30
Lalor United SC	21	7	8	8	21	27	27
Thomastown Devils SC	20	8	6	8	27	24	
Maribyrnong Greens SC	20	5	5	10	18	39	20
Moreland City SC	21	5	3	13	24	31	18
Westgate SC	21	4	4	13	22	40	16
Banyule City SC	21	3	5	13	28	44	14

Banyule City 2 Thomastown Devils 8, Williamstown 2 Westgate 0, Yarraville Glory 3 Westgate 6, Pascoe Vale 1 Kelor Park 0, Moreland City 1 Lalor United 3, Maribyrnong Greens 0 Altona City 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City SC	21	13	4	4	48	29	44
Lalor United SC	21	13	4	4	48	29	43
Thomastown Devils SC	21	11	7	3	46	26	40
Pascoe Vale SC	21	10	8	3	28	20	38
Altona City SC	21	10	7	4	36	18	37
Kelor Park SC	21	8	8	4	40	19	33
Westgate SC	21	8	8	9	36	40	28
Maribyrnong Greens SC	21	6	6	9	32	45	24
Williamstown SC	21	5	5	11	36	47	20
Westgate FC	21	3	8	10	26	32	17
Yarraville Glory FC	21	4	3	14	18	60	15
Banyule City SC	21	1	2	18	20	66	5

Clayton 0 Diamond Valley United 1 (K Ireson) (HT: 0-1), Waverley Wanderers 4 (A Gungordu, M Panaglis, A Strapalias) South Springvale 4 (I Dimotis, A Alivopoulos, R Swigler, A Goutzioula) (HT: 0-2), Cranbourne Comets 5 (D Tarki 3, B Watson 2) Eastern Lions SC 0 (HT: 1-0), Clifton Hill United 1 (Z Romanovski) Doncaster Rovers 0 (HT: 0-0), Southern Stars 4 (D Arnauts, S Doganay 2, C Orlina) Chelsea 2 (P Filippovic, C Di Petta) (HT: 3-2), Stonnington City 2 (A Varvaras, O Mejias) Knox City 1 (K Ziada) (HT: 1-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cranbourne Comets SC	21	15	2	4	41	13	47
Southern Stars FC	21	13	3	5	37	24	42
Waverley Wanderers SC	21	10	8	3	31	17	38
Clifton Hill United SC	21	11	2	8	28	28	35
Diamond Valley United SC	21	9	5	7	27	21	32
Doncaster Rovers SC	21	9	4	8	37	22	31
South Springvale SC	21	8	7	6	34	30	31
Clifton Hill United SC	21	6	8	9	17	24	24
Chelsea SC	21	6	5	10	24	33	23
Knox City SC	21	6	3	12	28	38	21
Eastern Lions SC	21	3	5	13	22	47	14
Clayton SC	21	4	2	15	21	60	14

Clayton 0 Diamond Valley United 1, Waverley Wanderers 1 South Springvale 5, Cranbourne Comets 0 Eastern Lions SC 0, Clifton Hill United 1 Doncaster Rovers 4, Southern Stars 0 Chelsea 4, Stonnington City 2 Knox City 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Stonnington City SC	21	17	2	2	53	21	53
Doncaster Rovers SC	21	17	1	3	84	21	52
South Springvale SC	21	13	3	5	70	33	42
Chelsea SC	21	12	3	6	54	53	39
Knox City SC	21	11	3	7	51	35	38
Cranbourne Comets SC	21	8	4	8	35	40	28
Stonnington City SC	21	8	4	8	29	38	28
Diamond Valley United SC	21	8	3	9	32	36	26
Clifton Hill United SC	21	7	5	12	34	48	23
Clayton SC	21	6	1	14	29	59	19
Waverley Wanderers SC	21	1	8	14	31	88	9
Southern Stars FC	21	1	8	18	24	82	5

Seniors
NORTH WEST 3
Reserves

Sunbury United 1 (V Ierardo) Sydenham Park 2 (A Vasiljević, I Filipović) (HT: 1-1), Western Eagles 0 Corio 2 (S Givakov, V Kalogeratos) (HT: 0-1), Albion Rovers 2 (E Koc 2) La Trobe University 2 (L Lister, P Devono) (HT: 1-0), Geelong Rangers 0 Werribee City 3 (M Collins, A Boris, J Flores) (HT: 0-2), North Sunshine Eagles 2 (B Kutešić, A Biležić) Ballarat Soccer Club 2 (J Romeni 2) (HT: 0-0), Lalor 0 Geelong 1 (HT: 0-1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Wembury City SC	21	18	3	6	59	11	57
Sunbury United SC	21	18	2	3	53	23	50
Albion Rovers SC	21	8	8	5	48	35	32
Corio SC	21	9	5	7	32	31	32
Geelong Rangers SC	21	8	5	8	36	29	28
Sydenham Park SC	21	8	4	9	30	42	26
Geelong Park SC	21	8	9	10	36	31	27
Lalor SC	21	7	4	10	31	28	25
La Trobe University SC	21	6	5	10	40	50	23
Ballarat Soccer Club	21	5	7	9	23	38	22
North Sunshine Eagles SC	21	5	3	13	30	53	16
Western Eagles SC	21	3	1	17	13	61	10

Sunbury United 0 Sydenham Park 0, Western Eagles 2 Corio 4, Albion Rovers 0 La Trobe University 4, Geelong Rangers 3 Werribee City 4, North Sunshine Eagles 1 Lalor 1 Geelong 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor SC	21	13	3	6	55	31	42
Sunbury United SC	21	13	3	6	55	31	42
La Trobe University SC	21	12	4	5	53	27	40
Ballarat Soccer Club	21	12	2	7	49	35	38
Geelong SC	21	10	4	7	44	34	34
Geelong Rangers SC	21	9	6	6	46	40	33
Sydenham Park SC	21	8	4	9	28	28	28
North Sunshine Eagles SC	21	7	2	12	31	46	23
Western Eagles SC	21	5	2	10	36	55	20
Corio SC	21	5	2	13	28	55	20
Werribee City SC	21	5	2	13	27	62	20
Albion Rovers SC	21	5	2	13	28	65	20
Western Eagles SC	21	3	1	17	13	61	10

Frankston Strikers 0 Endeavour United 7 (S Ward, M Kirisci 3, D



STATE LEAGUE ONE

Round 21



Suburbs Earn Promotion in '07



The Vodafone State League division one reaches its conclusion next week with still quite a deal to play for on both ends of the table. Teams can still vie for the championship and even a promotion spot is a distant possibility, at the bottom any one of four teams can wind up in the bottom two or in the third bottom play-off spot.

First of all a goal-less draw at Northcote, the lads from Ralph Reserve find themselves guaranteed of a finish within the top two positions thus earning promotion into the VPL for the 2007 season. Everyone associated with the club deserves hearty congratulations and much praise for the way they have turned a perennial mid table team into a team in the VPL.

The point gained by Northcote city also sees them firmly in the bottom three but with a mathematical chance of claiming the third bottom spot and at least not being automatically relegated but going

through the playoff lottery. Langwarrin finished off its impressive season by hammering six goals past the Jekyll and Hyde St Albans. If St Albans can find some consistency next season they may give this league a shake. Goal scorers for Langwarrin were four goals by Caleb Nicholes and two goals by Ben Caffrey, whilst for the saints a brace by Drajan Viskovic. North Geelong were held to a one all draw by Bentleigh Greens in a result that leaves some hope for North Geelong, however mathematically slim it might be. Fail to win next week and it's all over, but if they win they will be two point behind Springvale. If Springvale get anything from their last game this becomes irrelevant. Adrian Cervinski scored for the North Geelong outfit while Clifford Tuck scored for the greens.

Brunswick City did North Geelong a huge favor when they upset the Springvale White Eagles by a score of two goals to one. A double by Ben

Stafraze for Brunswick was enough to see them home while Miles Tidd scored for the White Eagles. Brunswick are not totally safe a few results and they could finish third bottom but it would be a miraculous set of circumstances. Dandenong Thunder defeated Port Melbourne by a score of two goals to nil in the late Saturday game. Goal scorers were not available as this went to print. The Sunday game saw North Coburg record a victory over Altona East relegating the Paisley Park side to division two football next season. The scorer for North Coburg was Huseyin Saglam.

By Reuben Schembri
Photos by John Punshon

STATE ONE SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh Cannons FC	26	16	7	3	47	24	55
Altona Magic SC	26	12	7	7	32	23	43
South Melbourne FC	26	12	6	8	45	28	42
Heidelberg United SC	26	12	5	9	43	36	41
Kingston City SC	26	11	5	10	37	39	38
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	26	10	7	9	45	40	37
Preston Lions SC	26	10	7	9	45	46	37
Richmond SC	26	9	8	9	41	38	35
Bulleen Zebras SC	26	9	6	11	27	36	33
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	26	10	1	15	38	51	31
Essendon Royals SC	26	8	6	12	32	37	30
Melbourne Knights SC	26	8	6	12	33	39	30
Sunshine Georgies SC	26	8	6	12	30	36	30
Frankston Pines SC	26	6	5	15	23	45	23

Northcote City 0	Western Suburbs 0 (HT: 0-0),
Langwarrin 6 (B Caffrey 2, C Nicholes 4)	
St Albans Saints 2 (D Viskovic 2) (HT: 3-1),	
North Geelong 1 (A Cervinski)	
Bentleigh Greens 1 (C Tuck) (HT: 0-0),	
Brunswick City 2 (B Stafraze 2)	
Springvale W Eagles 1 (M Tidd) (HT: 1-0),	
Dandenong Thunder 2	
Port Melbourne 0 (HT: 2-0),	
North Coburg United 1 (H Saglam)	
Altona East Phoenix 0 (HT: 0-0)	

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Suburbs SC	21	15	2	4	53	20	47
Langwarrin SC	21	13	6	2	51	26	45
Springvale White Eagles SC	20	13	5	2	50	21	44
Dandenong Thunder SC	21	13	0	8	46	26	39
Northcote City SC	21	11	2	8	44	33	35
Brunswick City SC	21	10	3	8	37	40	33
Bentleigh Greens SC	21	6	6	9	31	41	24
North Coburg United SC	21	6	2	13	27	46	20
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	21	5	4	12	31	48	19
North Geelong Warriors SC	20	5	3	12	22	38	18
Altona East Phoenix SC	21	4	6	11	17	39	18
St Albans Saints SC	21	3	3	15	18	49	12

Northcote City 0	Western Suburbs 1,
Langwarrin 4	St Albans Saints 0,
North Geelong 2	Bentleigh Greens 1,
Brunswick City 0	Springvale W Eagles 1,
Dandenong Thunder 2	Port Melbourne 3,
North Coburg United 3	Altona East Phoenix 1



WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

The finals



Ashburton, Cranbourne Push Thru!

Ashburton and Cranbourne asserted their authority over sides that had finished lower than them in the home and away season to emerge victorious in the first week of the Vodafone WPL finals, seeing off Heidelberg United and Keilor Park respectively in exciting matches.

Ashburton took on Heidelberg United at Knights Stadium, with a place in the semi-final against Box Hill Inter at stake. Ashburton had enjoyed the advantage over United during the season, defeating it on both occasions that the sides had met previously this year, most recently by five goals to three in Round 21. This encounter, as one would expect with so much at stake, proved much closer, with the sides remaining locked goalless at the interval. Both sides found the net once in the second half, but it remained a delicately balanced game, and not even extra time could find a way of separating the two. Ashburton eventually came out

on top, winning the penalty shootout narrowly, 5-4.

Having finished lower on the ladder than it has been used to in recent years, Cranbourne Comets was in the unfamiliar position of playing in an elimination final, knowing that defeat would mean the end of its campaign for this season. It took on a Keilor Park that had held Ashburton to a draw last weekend, and so was heading into the finals full of confidence. The two sides had shared the points during the season, with Keilor edging out Cranbourne 4-3 in Round 5, and the Comets taking the return match 4-0 just ten days ago. It proved another high scoring match between the two, with four goals coming in the first half alone, albeit three of them to Cranbourne. Another four followed after the interval, this time evenly split between the sides, enabling Cranbourne to continue its finals campaign with a 5-3 victory. Unfortunately, the defeat means the end of the road for Keilor, which must now enjoy the

off season and look towards 2007.

Next weekend sees the remaining four teams meet in the semi finals, and the return to action for minor premier Box Hill Inter. It will take on Ashburton for a place in the Grand Final, with the losing team in that clash to take on the winner of the match between Cranbourne Comets and Heidelberg United. With Ashburton the only side to beat Box Hill during the regular season, and Heidelberg and Cranbourne sharing one draw and a one goal victory to United, both matches shape as tense affairs.

By Niki Cook

Photos by John Punshon



Women's Premier League Seniors Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	22	20	1	1	75	9	61
Ashburton	22	18	3	1	92	18	57
Heidelberg United	22	16	2	4	88	26	50
Cranbourne Comets WSC	22	12	5	5	58	18	41
Keilor Park WSC	22	12	2	8	71	52	38
Sandringham	22	9	6	7	37	25	33
Bendigo Vipers WSC	22	10	2	10	50	39	32
Eltham North	22	6	2	14	19	60	20
Preston Lions	22	6	1	15	26	68	19
Eastern Lions	22	4	3	15	15	43	15
South Melbourne	22	4	1	17	25	79	13
Brimbank WSC	22	0	2	20	91	28	2

Preston Lions 10
(M Dimovska, P Lipiec 3, S velt 6)
Brimbank 1 (T Garreffa) (HT: 4-1),

Cranbourne Comets 0
Sandringham 0 (HT: 0-0),

Box Hill Inter 2
(D Digiamarco, J Humble)
Eastern Lions 0 (HT: 1-0),

South Melbourne 1 (L Hodgkin)
Eltham North 2 (L Greco, N Paul) (HT: 1-1),

Keilor Park 3 (M Camilleri 2, L Farrugia)
Ashburton 3 (A Totsidis, S Erenli 2) (HT: 3-1),

Bendigo Vipers 2 (H Credlin, K Moller)
Heidelberg United 2 (J Maza, E Minde) (HT: 1-1)

Women's Premier League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	22	21	1	0	118	11	64
Sandringham	22	18	0	4	96	17	54
Bendigo Vipers WSC	22	16	1	5	77	22	49
Cranbourne Comets WSC	22	16	1	5	48	20	49
Box Hill Inter	22	11	2	9	58	31	35
Keilor Park WSC	22	10	3	9	57	42	33
Eltham North	22	7	6	9	41	44	27
Heidelberg United	22	7	4	11	36	41	25
Eastern Lions	22	6	4	12	28	46	22
South Melbourne	22	3	4	15	32	62	13
Preston Lions	22	2	4	16	18	86	10
Brimbank WSC	22	0	2	2	2189	0	0

Preston Lions 5
Brimbank 0,

Cranbourne Comets 2
Sandringham 0,

Box Hill Inter 4
Eastern Lions 1,

South Melbourne 0
Eltham North 1,

Keilor Park 0
Ashburton 2,

Bendigo Vipers 3
Heidelberg United 0

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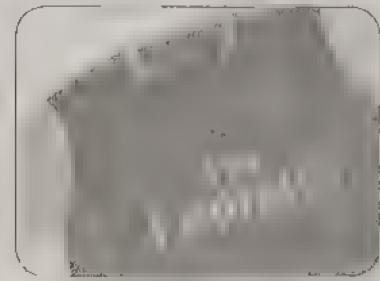
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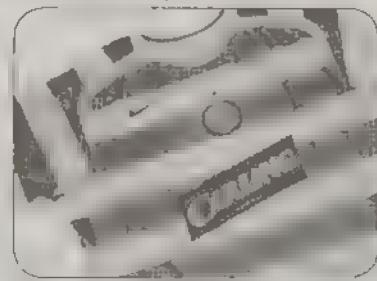
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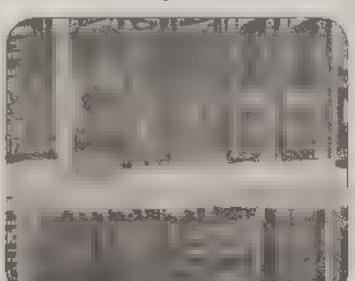
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Of course, we've still got a long way to go, but at least we're on the right track. Congratulations must also go

to Ernie Merrick and the boys for such a positive start to the A-league season. Ernie has endured a great deal of negative criticism over the past twelve months and it's good to see that some of the pressure would be eased from his shoulders. No doubt he'll be enjoying the fruits of his labour.

JA

Staying on the local front, it was also good to see John Anastasiadis' South Melbourne progress to the next phase of the Vodafone Cup Finals by defeating reigning champions Green Gully 3-0 on Friday night. Johnny A has done a marvellous job at Bob Jane and for the second year in a row is within a game of taking his team to the Grand Final. I wish him all the best for the remainder of the series and congratulate him for doing such a superb job at the helm.



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Round
2

Roar Outflies Jets in Frenzy



2 Newcastle Jets



3 QLD Roar

The Queensland Roar have come out on top 3-2 in a riveting clash with the Newcastle Jets at EnergyAustralia Stadium on Friday night.

Scottish striker Simon Lynch scored his second goal in as many games to clinch the win for the Roar, who overcame an impressive Jets side that had dominated possession for most of the contest.

Both teams came out firing with attacking 4-3-3 formations, with Queensland silencing the Newcastle crowd with an early opener through Brazilian import Reinaldo da Costa.

Rival captains Chad Gibson and Paul Okon then sensationally both scored own-goals, before a strike from the Jets' Mark Bridge sent the teams into the break level at 2-2.

Lynch then took the winner to continue a promising start to his A-League career and a terrific start to the season for Queensland.

The visitors opened the scoring after just five minutes, Simon Lynch unleashing Reinaldo with a through ball down the right and the Brazilian coolly slotted past rookie Jets 'keeper Ben Kennedy for his first Hyundai A-League goal.

Joel Griffiths came close to replying immediately for the Jets, looping a high ball from the right flank that deflected off the crossbar.

Reformed forward Labinot Haliti looked threatening in his new position of right back for Newcastle, and he almost created an equaliser, playing a one-two with Matt Thompson before sending in a perfect cross only for Bridge to miscue his half-volley attempt.

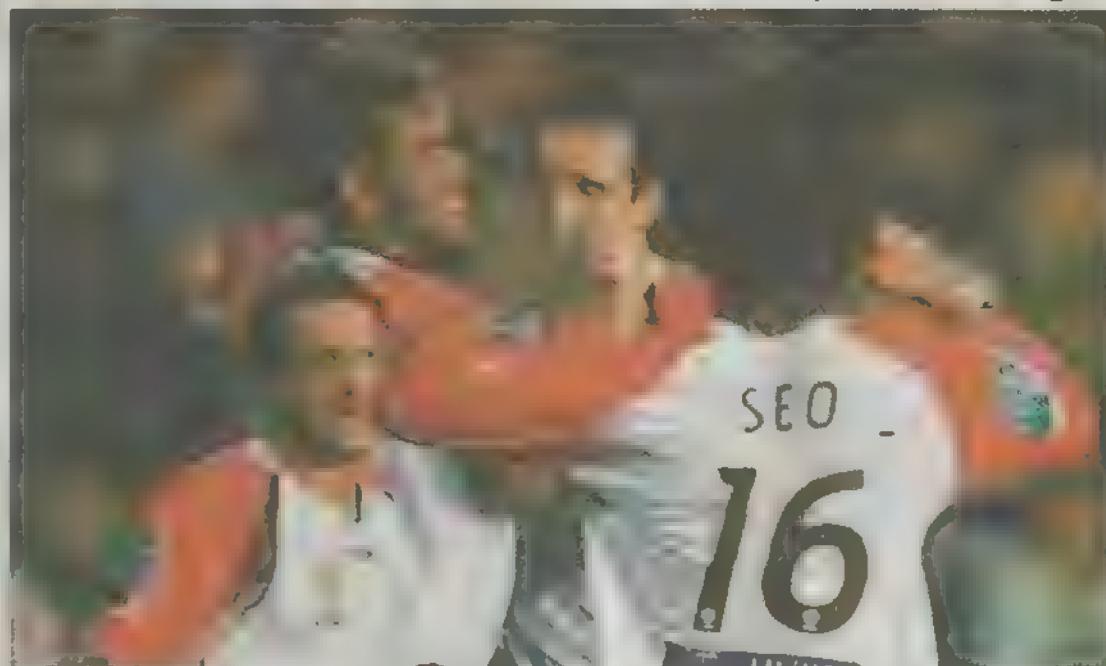
The equaliser then came in bizarre circumstances with a long ball from Jets defender Andrew Durante leading to a terrible mix-up between Gibson and goalkeeper Liam Reddy, with Gibson heading backwards past the rushing goalkeeper and into the vacant goalmouth.

The action continued, with Milicic sending a volley just over the bar before at the other end Haliti gave another great ball to Bridge, who also pushed his shot high.

Queensland reclaimed the lead with the game's second own-goal, Okon aiming to send a low cross from Reinaldo out for a corner but instead tucking the ball neatly into his own net.

Bridge ended an extraordinary half with the game's fourth goal, running on to a throw-in and firing home a strike off the left post from close range to make it 2-2.

The home side pressed for another goal early in the second term, with Vaughan Coveny finding some space on the edge of the box but driving his low strike left of goal.



The Jets then put together a flurry of short passes in Queensland's box before Carle crashed a shot over the bar, and Griffiths then missed a golden opportunity when he stumbled over a terrific low cross from Bridge into the six-yard box.

Lynch then grabbed the winner, pouncing on a loose ball in the Jets' box after a Queensland free kick and blasting past Kennedy from point blank range.

A frustrated Griffiths then spoilt his first Hyundai

A-League game for the Jets, picking up a second yellow card in the final moments in a disappointing end for the hosts.

Newcastle United Jets 2
(Gibson OG 26, Bridge 40)
Queensland Roar 3
(Reinaldo 5, Okon OG 38, Lynch 88)

By Dom Brock courtesy of FFA

Knights Break Drought At Home



1 NZ Knights



0 Adelaide United

A brilliant late strike from winger Malik Buari has handed the New Zealand Knights a deserved 1-0 win over Adelaide on Saturday to put an end to their home ground hoodoo.

The Knights had failed to win a match at North Harbour Stadium in 11 attempts, but Buari's stunning effort put an end to that and handed Adelaide United their second straight defeat.

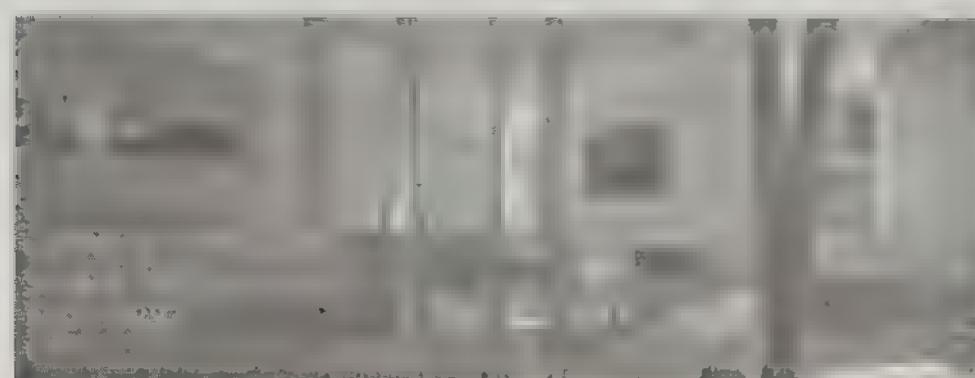
The deadlock was broken in the 88th minute when the Ghanaian-born utility held off Richie Alagich and then struck a curling effort from 25 metres that sailed into the top corner of Robert Bajic's goal.

The Knights were the better side for most of the match, but they frustrated the 4,100 strong crowd for long periods by failing to put the final touches on some impressive build-up play.

It was a physical opening to the match, with the first flashpoint occurring in the eighth minute when Jonas Salley appeared to strike Adelaide captain Ross Aloisi.

The incident went unpunished, but Salley set the scene of what was to come, bullying the Adelaide midfield and not allowing them any space to work through the middle of the park.

Although it was tight in the centre, the Knights



The visitors settled the quicker of the two sides after the interval, although Aloisi's effort from 25 yards was all they had to show for their vibrant beginning.

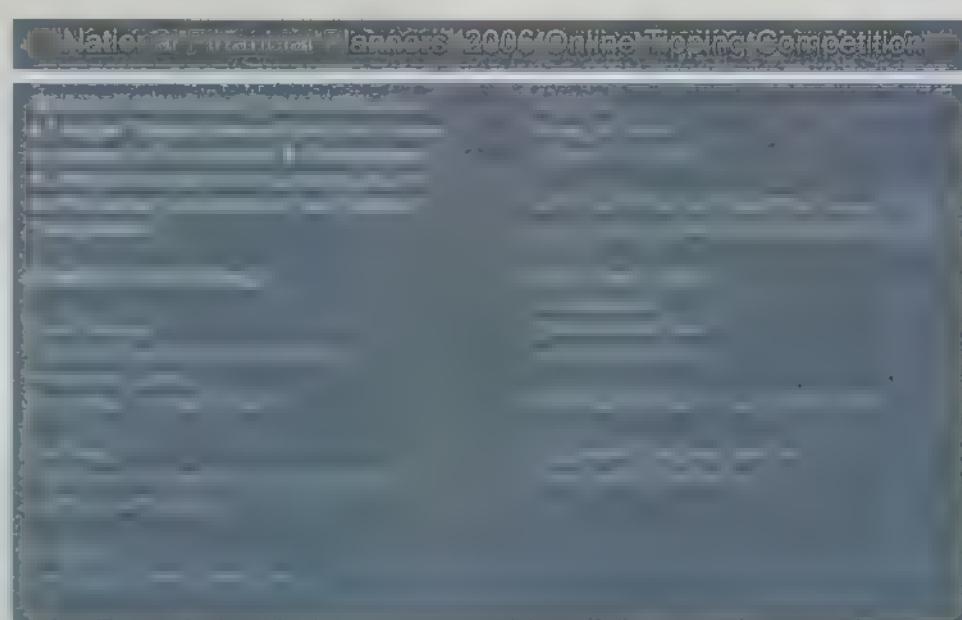
The Knights then settled back into their work and Salley could have grabbed the lead in brilliant fashion in the 54th minute, but his rasping volley just sailed wide of the post.

The Knights were enjoying their best period of the match when Scot Gemmil whipped in a dangerous cross in the 56th minute.

Buari managed to meet the delivery, but his header snuck by the outside of the post, much to the dismay of the Albany faithful.

But Buari was to make up for the miss when he scored from his brilliant effort to send the home ground crowd delirious.

New Zealand Knights 1
Malik Buari (88)
Adelaide United 0



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Allsopp Clinches Derby Victory



3 MVFC

2 Sydney FC

A Danny Allsopp brace has inspired Melbourne Victory to an astounding 3-2 win over arch-rival Sydney FC in front of an A-League record crowd of 39,730 at the Telstra Dome.

Before the crowd had an opportunity to settle in their respective viewing positions, Allsopp stunned the team from the harbour city in the eighth minute, pouncing on a loose ball in the area. Kevin Muscat soon doubled Melbourne's advantage two minutes later from the penalty spot, after Alessandro was felled for the second consecutive week in the area.

Iain Fyfe secured an equaliser midway through the first half for Sydney, before Allsopp again found the back of the net, lobbing an oncoming Clint Bolton. In a brilliant performance off the bench, David Carney was able to temporarily revive hopes of snatching an unlikely draw with his late goal, but his efforts would prove futile. However, the spectacle was almost overshadowed by three controversial incidents which are likely to draw further scrutiny.

The last of which in particular, a clash between Fred and Mark Milligan, where the Brazilian elbowed the Socceroo when the pair were chasing down a loose ball is sure to incur the full wrath of the federation.

Sydney head coach Terry Butcher was ropeable in regards to the situation, claiming the incident bordered on assault.

"I think if the police were watching tonight there may be one or two cases for assault, having been convicted myself on a football field many years ago" he said.

"It was a stiff arm to the throat. We saw it very clearly, the officials didn't. Had they seen then they probably would have taken action, but they didn't. It was a case where he could have swallowed his tongue and we were very worried about him."

"I'll say it again, if the police were watching that game, I think they would have taken action. Had that happened on the street, I think police action would have been taken."

Sydney's loss inflicted further anguish to the league champions, who had lost their iconic marquee star Dwight Yorke to Sunderland during the week in a deadline day transfer.

With the physically imposing stadium packed to the rafters in scenes which had never been replicated previously in the Australian domestic football scene, it was the home side that commenced the stronger in the end-to-end battle.

And it only took eight minutes before the bubbling cauldron that is the Telstra Dome, erupted as the much-maligned Allsopp opened the scoring for the Victory with a typical poacher's goal.

After a cross from Grant Brebner was helped on by Muscat, the opportunistic former Manchester City front man capitalised on the goal mouth scramble that ensued, tapping the ball into Bolton's goal.

In the midst of the pandemonium surrounding the goal, Adrian Leijer felled Robbie Middleby when standing his ground, and the midfielder had to be immediately substituted.

Butcher later confirmed that Middleby had sustained an injury that is likely to consign him to the sidelines for an extended period.

The former England international said, "(Middleby's) gone off to hospital with a suspected broken collarbone."

"I hope that the authorities take steps because there's



He shoots he scores! As Allsopp has silenced critics with a winning performance in front of goal

lots of things we saw in the game that we thought we were hard done by."

Within two minutes the Victory had scored a dramatic second goal, easing the tension around the ground as Alessandro was brought down by Bolton when streaming towards the Melbourne goal in an attempt to latch

onto a lofted ball that deceived the defence.

Reviving memories of Harald Schumacher's battering of Frenchman Patrick Bathurst, the Socceroo 'keeper was left with little option but to crash into the Brazilian wizard.

Captain Muscat stepped up to the plate and in a scene reminiscent of his 2001 goal against Uruguay, he coolly smashed the ball straight down the middle of the goal. Further compounding Sydney's self-capitulation, captain Mark Rudan was given his marching orders for a crude tackle Alessandro and subsequent lashing out in the 14th minute giving the home side what could only be described as a dream opening.

But before Victory had time to bask in the glory of the situation, the self-professed glamour side of the competition struck back, as Fyfe netted his second goal in as many games, heading home a corner from Ufuk Talay with much ferocity.

With Melbourne seemingly resting on their laurels, Terry Butcher's side dominated, stretching the Victory defence from side to side, while the midfield, marshalled by Muscat, lacked cohesion, struggling to string together a set of passes.

In his Sydney debut, Kiwi wonder kid Jeremy Brockie looked ominous on the wing, as he and compatriot David Carney, alternatively exploited Melbourne down the right as Alessandro continued to neglect his defensive duties.

But for what he lacked in defence, the former International player more than compensated in attack, consistently

causing the team from the harbour side significantress with his plucky runs down the left flank.

For the away side, Fyfe looked rather assured on the assertively controlling the makeshift Sydney rearguard. As the half drew to a close, Melbourne wrestled back ascendency, with Brebner leading from the forefront probing balls attempting to penetrate the undermanned Sydney defence.

And no sooner had the second stanza began that Allsopp secured a brace, classily lobbing Bolton, latching onto a brilliant cross-field pass by Muscat.

Sitting deep, the Victory's industrious captain launched first time ball that cut the Sydney defence in half, but Socceroo Mark Milligan disastrously too poked the ball towards his own goal allowing Allsopp to capitalise.

However, Melbourne should have soon been reduced to 10 men when Fred elbowed Milligan as the two tussled for a 50-50 ball. After much deliberation referee J. Shield chose not to punish the Brazilian, who was immediately substituted for compatriot Claudinho.

An irate Butcher pleaded from the sideline for his missal to no avail, as one of the lowest weeks in the club's short history seemed destined to simply wash and fester.

A howling error by Bolton went unpunished in the 85th minute, when the 'keeper spilled the ball on the edge of the area, allowing Thompson to pounce on the ball, before cutting the ball back to Claudinho who wide of an open goal when 10 metres of space.

The reigning champions showed much mettle to



Victory In Front Of Record Crowd



goal back late, as a slashing Carney strike deflected wickedly off an unawares Vargas, wrong footing Theoklitos, to set the stage for an enthralling final five minutes.

But Melbourne defended gallantly to run out deserving winners.

Melbourne coach Ernie Merrick was thrilled by the performance of his side and the spectacle of the entire night.

"It had everything. It had excitement, it had five goals, it had send offs, it had controversy, it had end-to-end stuff,

and I think 40,000 people just got a life according to Kevin Sheedy. We beat the numbers at the MCG watching the AFL," he said.

"It was fantastic for football tonight."

By Simon Chiarelli

Photos by Daniel Flis



It was bound to happen! Melbourne Victory defeated Sydney FC at home again.

Backed by a record breaking number of fans, Victory has began the season strongly and things look bright for the Melbourne outfit.

To give a better idea on how each player performed **Teo Pellizzeri** rates the players individually out of 10.

MVFC



Michael Theoklitos (7): Left with little to do between the sticks, but showed confidence coming off his line to collect corners and long throws.

Kevin Muscat (9): Excellent again from the penalty spot, and produced a superb ball for Allsopp's second goal.

Daniel Piorkowski (7): Credited with the assist for the opening goal, but was not the best at the back on this night.

Fred (6): Let himself down with his elbow on Milligan, but was otherwise good on the ball in his hour on the pitch.

Daniel Allsopp (9): A fantastic striker's game, and one that was on the cards given his good pre and early season form. More of this please!

Archie Thompson (6): Was the quiet man in the Melbourne forward line, but was occasionally a dangerous link-up man.

Rodrigo Vargas (7): It was Vargas' turn to control the airspace, putting his head on the line on a night when Sydney were dangerous from set pieces.

Adrian Leijer (7): Looks a master of the slide tackle, managing to put his body on the line constantly and not draw the attention of the referee.

Simon Storey (6): Did not spend enough time on the ball to consolidate Melbourne's man advantage, like much of the team got carried away with the breakneck pace.

Grant Brebner (7): Solid midfield performance, with the only let down his one-on-one keeper miss late on.

Alessandro (8): Another dazzling night of samba magic. Every night back in the league must be wishing they had a left foot.

Subs:

Claudinho (7): Was dynamic on the dribble, but couldn't convert into an empty net with the score at 3-1, getting stuck on the ball.

Adrian Caceres (7): Ran at defenders without fear, only beaten by a fourth man on one occasion.

Steve Pantelidis (6): Came on to make sure there was not a stoppage time equalizer, and subsequently achieved his mission.

SYDNEY FC



Clint Bolton (5): Was Sydney's Mr. Hard-done-by, complaining about the two opening goals, and left in no man's land for the third.

Iain Fyfe (7): Pushed his case for a Socceroo spot in the next home international, bagging his 2nd goal of the season, and holding the backline together after the departure of Rudan.

Alvin Ceccoli (7): Picked up an assist for Carney's goal, and was often providing the pass when Sydney moved into their attacking third.

Mark Rudan (4): Earned a yellow card for his heavy challenge on Alessandro, and had only himself to blame for kicking out at the Brazilian, earning a straight red and marching orders.

Ufuk Talay (7): Caused problems all night with his corners, an assist an inevitability given the quality of his delivery.

Rob Middleby (5): Left the field early with an injury, which was as much down to a lack of awareness as it was a "foul" by Leijer.

David Zdrilic (5): Anonymous up forward and very disappointing on a night where

Sydney's forwards were quiet.

Steve Corica (6): A link-up role through midfield made for a quiet night – Corica getting forward in a meaningful way only once.

Jeremy Brockie (5): Poor performance from a player that was expected to go to the next level with a good team around him

Mark Milligan (7): A resilient performance to get up and return to the field. Made amends for a poor first half.

Nikolai Topor-Stanley (6): A tough night for the young defender, who grew in stature as the game went on – but a 90 minute performance was what the team needed.

Subs:

Dave Carney (7): Played all but eight minutes of the contest, and showed enough to win back a starting spot in future.

Sasha Petrovski (6): Came on needing to find the net and in thirty minutes failed to put a shot on the target.

Unused Subs:
Terry McFlynn
Justin Pasfield

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

Perth Gets Much Need Win

GLORY 2 Perth Glory



CC Mariners

Perth Glory have registered their first win of the 2006/07 Hyundai A-League season with an exciting 2-0 victory over the Central Coast Mariners at Members Equity Stadium on Sunday.

Midfielder Simon Colosimo snagged the first goal when he caught Central Coast keeper Danny Vukovic completely unaware and drilled home a long-range free-kick, before Stuart Young wrapped up the three points late in the match with a powerful shot.

In Ron Smith's first home game in charge of the

Glory, Perth played a fast, precise and attacking brand of football to outclass the Mariners and celebrate its first home game of the season in style.

It was Perth's first league win over the Mariners, improving the Glory's head-to-head ledger to one win, one draw and two losses.

The Mariners were without midfield linchpin Andre Gumprecht who suffered an adductor strain in the club's 0-1 loss to Sydney last week, while Perth was missing striker Bobby Despotovski (back) and goalkeeper Jason Petkovic (ankle) from its best 11.

In a fast-paced start to the game, Central Coast had an early penalty appeal turned down by referee Craig Zetter when Jamie McMaster was brought down by Colosimo in the box.

The speed of the match claimed its first victim in the 14th minute, when Mariners defender Andrew Clark hobbled off to the bench after passing a fitness test earlier in the day.



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Round 2 Scoreboard

Newcastle Jets 2 - 3 QLD Roar
Friday 1 September, Energy Australia Stadium Crowd 7278

Goals: '5 R.da Costa (QR) '25 C.Gibson (og), '37 P.Okon (og), '40 M.Bridge (NJ), '66 S.Lynch (QR)
Yellow Cards: '23 '90 J.Griffiths (NJ), '66 S.Lynch (QR), '66 V.Coveney (NJ),
Red Cards: '92 J.Griffiths (NJ)

Newcastle Jets: B.Kennedy, A.Durante, M.Thompson (T.Ozbey 77), V.Coveney, N.Carle, S.Okon, S.Musialik, L.Halilic, J.Griffiths, M.Bridge, S.Webb (A.D'Alessio 77), Queensland L.Reddy, A.Packer, C.Gibson, J.McCloughan, M.Murdock, S.Lynch, A.Milicic, R.da Costa, M.McKay, H.Su Seo, S.Ognenovski

New Zealand Knights 1 - 0 Adelaide United
Saturday 2 September, North Harbour Stadium Crowd: 4100

Goals: '87 M.Burn (NZ)
Yellow Cards: '88 G.Duruz (NZ), '71 R.Bajic (AU), '75 v Salley (NZ), '87 J.Spagnuolo (AU)

New Zealand: D.Milosevic, D.Bazeley, G.Duruz, C.Bunce, N.Embien, R.Johnson, S.Gemmell, S.Devine (A.Casey 78), J.Richter (M.White 73), J.Salley, M.Burn

Adelaide: R.Bajic, R.Naglich, M.Valkanic (J.Spagnuolo 78), R.Alois, C.Veart, F.Reach (N.Burns 74), G.Owens, T.Dodd, A.Goulding, R.Comthwaite, Q.Shengqiang (A.Costanzo 88),

Melbourne Victory 3 - 2 Sydney FC
Saturday 2 September Telstra Dome Crowd: 39730

Yellow Cards: '9 C.Bolton (SF), '13 M.Rudan (SF), '75 I.Fyfe (SF), Red Cards: '13 M.Rudan (SF)

Melbourne: M.Theokitos, K.Muscat, D.Piorkowski, Fred (Claudinho 64), D.Allsopp, A.Thompson (A.Thompson 90+), R.Vargas, A.Leijer, S.Storey, G.Brebner, Alessandro, A.Caceres 73,

Sydney: C.Bolton, I.Fyfe, A.Ceccoli, M.Rudan, U.Talay, R.Middleby (D.Carmey 11), D.Zdrilic, S.Cortica, Brodie (S.Petrovsk 84), M.Milligan, N.Topor-Stanley

Perth Glory 2 - 0 Central Coast Mariners
Sunday 3 September, Members Equity Stadium, Crowd

Goals: '53 S.Colosimo (PG) '81 S.Young (PG)
Yellow Cards: '52 P.O'Grady (CCM), '53 D.Vukovic (CCM), '65 J.McMaster (PG), '73 N.Spencer (CCM), '17 S.Colosimo (PG), '56 N.Sekulovski (PG)

Perth: A.Vrteski, D.Tarka, S.Colosimo, J.Harmwell, J.Christie (A.Webster 65), S.Lazaridis (L.Clavas 82), L.Bertos, A.Kovacevic, J.Coyne, S.Young, N.Sekulovski (D.Micevski 70),

Central Coast: D.Vukovic, P.O'Grady, N.Spencer, J.McMaster, S.Patrie, T.Vidmar, V.Tomashevic, A.Clark, M.Osman, A.Wilkinson, A.Kwasnik, A.Wilkinson (P.O'Grady 82), A.Kwasnik,

A-League Table

Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Perth Glory	2	2	0	5	2	3	6
Macquarie City FC	2	1	1	4	4	0	5
New Zealand Knights	2	1	0	1	1	0	5
Sydney FC	2	1	1	1	1	0	5
Perth Glory	2	1	1	2	1	1	5
Newcastle Jets	2	1	1	2	1	1	5
Adelaide Utd	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
CC Mariners	2	0	0	2	0	3	0



brought down by Paul O'Grady just outside the box.

O'Grady earned a yellow card for the challenge, but while Vukovic was lining up his wall, a quick-thinking Colosimo swiftly took the free-kick and easily found the back of the net with Vukovic sumptuously bemused.

Vukovic heavily protested the goal with the referee, but his argument fell on deaf ears and a yellow card was produced.

The goal lifted the Glory, who continued to attack fiercely in search of a sealer. Leo Bertos and Lazaridis were creating havoc for the Mariners defence, the duo setting up a string of chances. The best fell to Stuart Young in the 79th minute, who beat Paul O'Grady before surging towards goal. However, his powerful shot was just wide of the target, cannoning into the side netting.

But the missed opportunity mattered little, as Young made no mistake a minute later when he capitalised on a great Bertos cross and drilled the ball past Vukovic to register the Glory's second - and the three points.

Perth 2
Colosimo 52, Young 80
Central Coast 0

Round 2 Fixtures

Adelaide United FC	vs	Newcastle Jets FC
Fri 8 Sep 06	Hindmarsh	Stadium 8.00 pm
Central Coast Mariners FC	vs	Queensland Roar
Sat 9 Sep 06	NSW	9.30 am

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Monday 04 September

EURO 2008 QUALIFIERS KICK-OFF

Italy - Lithuania 1-1

Italy faced Group B minnows Lithuania in the city of Naples. The visitors silenced the crowd at San Paolo stadium by surprisingly opening the score through Tomas Danilevicius in the 21st minute. Filippo Inzaghi levelled on the half hour mark, but Donadou's Azzurri failed to score another to take three points. Gilardino came close in the final phase, but had a header cleared off the line.

Georgia - France 0-3

World Cup runners-up France travelled to Georgia for their first match in this qualification campaign. Florent Malouda put Les Bleus in the lead after just seven minutes, to give his side a good start. Louis Saha added a second in the fifteenth minute, and Arsenal striker Thierry Henry took care of the third and last goal in the first minutes of the second half.

Scotland - Faroe Islands 6-0

Scotland achieved an easy win over Faroe Islands in Glasgow. Darren Fletcher opened the score after seven minutes, and goals from James McFadden, Kris Boyd (2) and Kenny Miller, who scored from the penalty spot, gave the hosts a comfortable 5-0 lead at half time.

In the second half, Scotland were less productive but a goal from Garry O'Connor set the score to 6-0 with five minutes left to play.

Spain - Liechtenstein 4-0

Spain did as expected to beat Liechtenstein 4-0 in their first Euro 2008 qualifier. Atletico striker Fernando Torres put the hosts ahead after twenty minutes, and the crowd in Badajoz witnessed David Villa adding the second just before the break.

Just after the hour mark, the Valencia striker netted Spain's third and Luis Garcia took care of the fourth and last goal in the 66th minute.

Latvia - Sweden 0-1

Sweden, who reached the round of sixteen at the World Cup in Germany earlier this summer, failed to convince in and against Latvia.

The Scandinavians did leave Riga with three points, thanks to Kim Kallstrom's winning goal in the 38th minute.

Northern Ireland - Iceland 0-3

Northern Ireland suffered a surprise defeat by Iceland in Belfast. Within twenty minutes, the guests had already taken a 0-2 lead through Gunnar Heidar Thorvaldsson and Hermann Hreidarsson, and the better known Eidur Gudjohnsen of Barcelona netted the third in the 37th minute.

Germany - Republic of Ireland 1-0

Ireland had a good chance to go in front as Steven Reid's free kick was cleared at the last gasp by Arne Friedrich, but the Germans got a bit fortunate when they went in front on 57 minutes as a free kick by Lukas Podolski took a deflection off of Robbie Keane before going past Shay Given in the Ireland goal.

Germany pushed hard after taking the lead and it noticeably frustrated Ireland manager Steve Staunton as he was sent from the technical area from aggressively arguing a call.

At the death, Ireland likely should have equalized on a free kick, but Richard Dunne's header from six yards out went miserably wide.

Czech Republic - Wales 2-1

A topsy-turvy finish saw the Czech Republic escape with a victory over a valiant Wales side, despite the British side having the better of the play at many times in the match.

Despite all their efforts, the Welsh went a goal down on 76 minutes when debutant David Lafata headed past Paul Jones in the Wales goal.

However, when it looked Wales had finally been broken, they picked up a deserved equalizer in the 85th minute when Martin Šťastný put into his own goal for a 1-1 score.

That, however, only lasted until the 89th minute when Lafata capped off a dream start to his Czech Republic career with a wonderful winning goal.

Slovakia - Cyprus 6-1

In Bratislava, another incredible performance by Filip Sebo helped his side to a thrashing of Cyprus at Tehelné Pole.

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Martin Skrtel converted a cross from Marek Mintal after nine minutes to open the scoring before the Nürnberg striker got a goal of his own in the 33rd after Marek Čech set him up.

Sebo, who scored a hat-trick on his debut last month, then made it 3-0 just before the interval after Mintal's set-up work on the left, and he added his fifth goal in just two appearances after the restart with a nice finish from close range.

Miroslav Karhan and a second goal by Mintal extended the damage to 6-0 before Yiannis Yiasoumi got a consolation goal in the final minute.

Poland - Finland 1-3

Veteran forward Jari Litmanen was the hero for the Finns as he scored twice in their victory away to Poland.

After a scoreless first half, Roy Hodgson's men went in front on 54 minutes through their inspirational leader, and after Arkadiusz Glowacki was sent off in the 75th minute, he added a second goal from the penalty spot. Mika Väyrynen then added a third goal from the Finns five minutes from time to make it 3-0, before Lukasz Gargula pulled a goal back for Leo Beenhakker's team late on.

Serbia - Azerbaijan 1-0

Serbia looked far from their best in their first competitive match since splitting from Montenegro as they edged out Azerbaijan in Belgrade.

The Azers put up a viable defense for 72 minutes before tall striker Nikola Zigic tucked home the game's only goal to give Serbia a winning start.

Romania - Bulgaria 2-2

The first top clash in this group was the meeting of Romania with neighbours Bulgaria. The hosts took the lead after forty minutes, when Laurențiu Rosu opened the score. Ciprian Marica added a second, ten minutes after the break.

The Romanians thought to have a comfortable lead but were surprised by Martin Petrov, who first gave the Bulgarians new hope by scoring for 2-1 in the 82nd minute, and then also scored the equaliser, one minute later.

Frustration eventually led to a red card for Gabriel Tamas of Romania in added time.

Luxembourg - Netherlands 0-1

The Dutch may have expected an easy win in Luxembourg, but Joris Mathijsen's goal in the rebound after a Kuyt effort in the 18th minute was all that Van Basten's side accomplished.

Luxembourg even created some chances in the first half, and showed great enthusiasm in the final phase in an attempt to score a shock equaliser. This was avoided however, and the Dutch escape with three points.

Belarus - Albania 2-2

Timofey Kalachev gave home fans a reason to celebrate within two minutes, but Ervin Skela levelled from eleven meters in the seventh minute.

Maxim Romaschenko's goal in the 24th minute appeared to be enough for the Belarusians, but Besnik Hasi scored Albania's second equaliser with only four minutes to go in regular time.

England - Andorra 5-0

In form for England, striker Crouch bagged his ninth goal in nine internationals after just five minutes as he slotted past goalkeeper Koldo after a finely-placed pass from strike partner Defoe.

Crouch's Liverpool teammate, Steven Gerrard, then extended the advantage eight minutes later with a fierce volley after chesting down Ashley Cole's left-wing cross, and Defoe added a third in the 38th minute after Gerrard's pass.

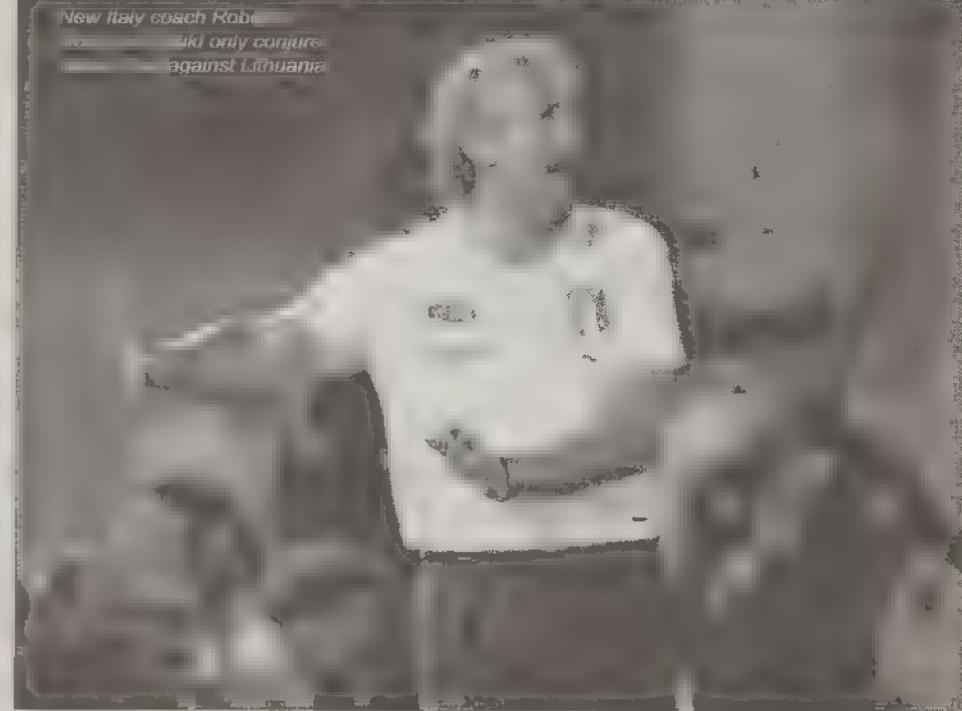
The Spurs forward scored his second goal just after the restart after latching on to a looping ball into the area from Phil Neville, and Crouch completed the rout on 66 minutes with a trademark header after a fine run and cross from pacy substitute Aaron Lennon.

Estonia - Israel 0-1

Israel needed just eight minutes to score and it held up as the winner against Estonia in Tallinn on Saturday.

After goalkeeper Mart Poom failed to secure a shot by West Ham's Yossi Benayoun, Maccabi Haifa striker Roberto Soriano pounced to tuck home what would be the winner.

New Italy coach Roberto Mancini
did only conjure against Lithuania



Denmark - Portugal 4-2

Jon Dahl Tomasson opened the scoring for the Danes after 15 minutes, only to see defender Ricardo Carvalho level the scores just two minutes after that.

The action continued at a fast pace as Thomas Kahleberg retook the lead for Denmark on 21 minutes, but again Portugal had a chance to go level in the 58th minute from the penalty spot.

Cristiano Ronaldo had his spot kick saved by Thomas Sorensen, but the Portuguese did find an equalizer as Carvalho scored an unlikely double.

The rest of the match, though, belonged to the hosts as Martin Jørgensen made it 3-2 in the 78th minute before young starlet Nicklas Bendtner added a fourth in injury time.

Moldova - Greece 0-1

Defending European champions Greece travelled to Chisinau in Moldova, where Angelos Basinas had a perfect opportunity to open the score in the first half, but failed to do so from the penalty spot.

The Greeks would eventually earn themselves three points, as Nikos Liberopoulos finally broke the deadlock in the 78th minute.

Hungary - Norway 1-4

Ole Gunnar Solskjær proved his value for the Norwegian team. The Manchester United forward broke the deadlock after fifteen minutes, and would also score his side's fourth and last goal in the 54th.

The other goals came from Fredrik Stromstad in the 32nd minute and Morten Gamst Pedersen in the 41st. Zoltan Gera got one back from the penalty spot in injury time.

Malta - Bosnia-Herzegovina 2-5

Sergej Barbarez opened the score for the visitors after only four minutes, but Jamie Pace levelled two minutes later.

From here on however, the Bosnians dominated with two goals each from Mirko Hrgovic and Zlatan Musimović. Miguel Misud got one back for the home team in the 86th minute.

Euro 2008 co-hosts Switzerland and Austria suffered different fates on Saturday in friendly matches

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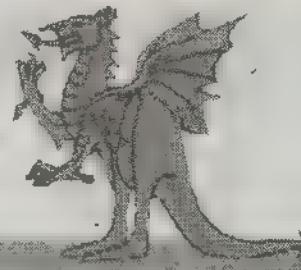
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Last season Sunderland made an embarrassing exit from the Premiership. They have followed this with an almost equally poor start to the new season in the Championship with only one win in five, and a Carling Cup first round exit to a lower club - Bury. The new chairman Niall Quinn promised a 'world class manager' and then appointed Roy Keane, despite the fact that he has never managed a club before. But will the infamous hard Irishman make a great manager...

With no allowance for failure, Keane would be wise to follow the fortunes of a similar midfield 'hard man' who he squared up to on many occasions and was possibly even more controversial in his time - Dennis Wise. Like Keane, Wise was renowned for his hard-man image. Sir Alex Ferguson once said of him; "he could start a fight in an empty house".

Wise was a founding member of the infamous Wimbledon "Crazy Gang". The "Crazy Gang" nickname emerged from the eccentric macho behaviour of the football players. Their playing style was hard and basic, yet very successful. Wise along with club mates such as Vinnie Jones were in the habit of playing practical jokes on everyone and the joking behaviour bred an intensely close team spirit, which led to a famous FA Cup victory over Liverpool. His most successful period was with Chelsea where he made 445 appearances, scored 76 goals and led them to many Cup victories as their midfield captain.

Wise's managerial career started with Millwall, a team notorious for their hard image and



**FOOTBALL HORROR-MEN
SHINNING KEANE & CHUCKY WISE**

them to their first ever FA Cup Final in 2004. Millwall were the second team from outside the Premiership to reach the final since 1982 and earned a place in Europe for the first time. This summer Wise was appointed Swindon Town manager and presently has a 100% record of five consecutive wins.

sial and often legendary. In 1995 he was convicted of assaulting a London taxi-driver and given a three-month prison sentence, which was later overturned on appeal. After Chelsea, Wise joined Leicester but was soon sacked after punching and fracturing a team mate's jaw and then took the club to court over un-

fair dismissal, which saw him become the most hated man in the city. Less known and more notorious was his alleged involvement of "malicious vandalism" of the Blue Peter gardens, the great outdoors of a very famous Children's TV Show.

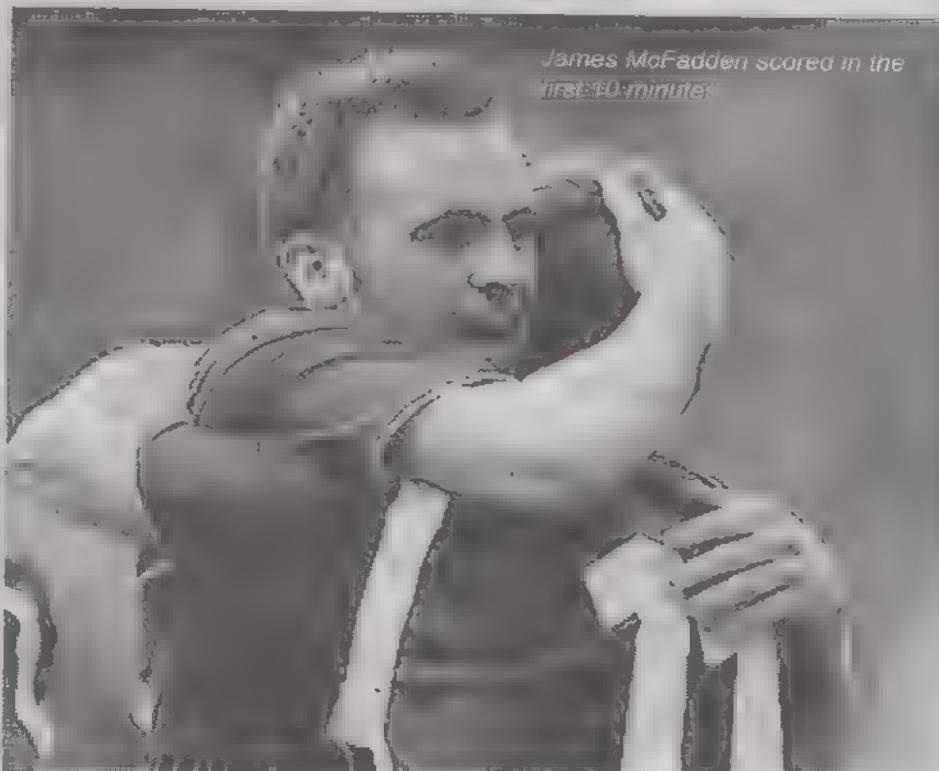
As a player, Wise was never the greatest footballer, but was strong and a great leader. His passion and team spirit has continued in his management and bred success. He has not officially hung up his boots, and if required would battle it out again on the field. If he stays with Swindon they will be promoted this season, but it is highly likely that he will be headhunted for a higher position.

Keane was/is no doubt a bigger, higher profile and more successful player than Wise. However, unlike Wise, he lacks the sense of humour, a crucial ingredient, to bind a team's spirit. As a captain at Manchester United, Keane was renowned for ranting and raving at the other players when they were unable to reach his high standards. If he repeats this as a manager, they may give up and leave. His appointment may not just fill the vacant managers seat in the dugout, but as media interest increases, so will the revenue, and Keane's popular back-page face will aid in filling the other empty seats at the Stadium of Light. It is not beyond the realms of possibility that Keane can turn Sunderland's fortunes around, but he will have to bring his expectation levels down to mere mortal standards as he makes the transition from player to manager.

By Richard Sucksmith

TARTAN TALK

by Alasdair MacTavish



James McFadden scored in the last 10 minutes

"It could end up being our hardest game of the entire qualifying campaign," claimed Scottish midfielder Darren Fletcher a few weeks ago. He wasn't talking about Italy, France or Ukraine. He was referring to last Saturday's opposition, the Faroe Islands.

It obviously wasn't too hard, as Scotland won 6-0, their biggest win for 37 years. In front of 50,000 fans at Celtic Park, Scotland were up 2-0 within 10 minutes after goals from Fletcher and James McFadden.

Celtic's Kenny Miller and Garry O'Connor also scored, while Rangers' Kris Boyd scored two.

The Faroe Islands lie between Iceland and Scotland, and have a population of 47,000. Their 169th in FIFA world rankings, and in their last match, lost 6-0 to Georgia. But the last time they played Scotland, in 2002 in a European Championship qualifier, they come disturbingly close to pulling off an upset. At one stage Scotland were down 2-0, before salvaging a 2-2 draw. It was probably the lowest point Scottish football has ever reached, and was at the forefront of everyone's mind before last Saturday.

Scotland hasn't qualified for a major tournament since the 1998 World Cup. And having been drawn in the same group as the world champions, runners-up and quarter finalists, they probably won't qualify for Euro 2008 either. But it would be typical of Scotland, to play well against Italy and France, then miss out on qualification because they lost of the Faroe

Islands and Georgia. This is probably the reason for Fletcher's apprehension and cautiousness. Despite a near impossible group, Scotland has been fortunate to at least start their campaign with the easier games. During the week, they'll play Lithuania, currently ranked 65th. Appropriately enough, the match will be played in Kaunas, hometown of Hearts' owner Vladimir Romanov.

With sizeable portions of both squads on his payroll, he'll no doubt be watching the match with interest.

If Scotland is to have any chance of playing in Austria and Switzerland in 2008, they need to win games like this. Since Walter Smith took over in December 2004, Scotland has gradually improved. They finished their qualifying campaign strongly, with a draw against Italy, and big wins over Norway and Slovenia. However being unable to beat countries such as Belarus and Moldova, they fell short of qualification.

Scotland are now ranked 40th in world FIFA rankings. It's their highest ranking since 2001, and only 18 months ago, they were 88th. Even if Scotland doesn't qualify for Euro 2008, the future is at least looking brighter. As Harry Bingham wrote in this paper last month, over the past couple of years, more emphasis has been placed on youth development. Scotland were recently runners-up in the under 19s European championships. And there are increasing numbers of promising young Scottish players filling up the Old Firm teams again. Over the past decade, the big clubs in Scotland have preferred to buy internationals, rather than develop local talent. It was not uncommon for either Celtic or Rangers to field teams devoid of a single Scottish player. But now players such as Chris Burke, Kris Boyd, Derek Riordan, Shane Maloney and Craig Beattie; are all managing to push their way into the first team.

But in the mean time, Scotland will take any victory they can. Even if it's against a bunch of part-time footballers from a desolate wind-swept island.

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Brighton JSC	18 1 1 16 17 03 4	MILO Boys East 14 C	P W D L F APT	Frankston Stirkers JSC	15 2 1 10 14 48 7	Brimbank City JSC	15 8 5 2 38 21 29
Mornington A	18 0 2 16 16103 2	Doncaster Rovers JSC	16 15 1 2 74 16 46	Ringwood City JSC	14 1 1 7 38 4	Brunswick Zebras JSC	16 8 3 5 31 18 27
MILO Boys South 14 A	P W D L F APT	Berwick City JSC	16 10 2 5 53 31 35	MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green	P W D L F APT	Whitelsea Jtd	16 8 2 6 45 26 26
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Langwarrin	18 11 2 5 55 17 35	Nunawading City JSC	17 6 1 10 29 48 19	Box Hill Inter JSC	16 10 1 5 45 12 31	Mill Park JSC	16 0 0 16 2122 0
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Berwick City	18 9 2 7 68 37 29	St Kilda JSC	18 3 3 12 28 54 12	Bentleigh JFC	16 5 3 8 16 27 18	Heidelberg Stars JSC	18 15 1 2 68 18 46
Lyndale Jtd	18 8 0 12 55 57 18	Brighton JSC	18 2 3 13 20 66 9	North Caulfield JSC	16 5 1 10 20 29 16	Epping City SC	17 11 2 4 53 22 35
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Mornington SC	18 7 1 8 39 34 22			Doncaster Rovers JSC	17 4 3 10 15 36 15	Whittlesea Stallions JSC	18 13 2 1 77 20 41
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White Star Dandenong JSC	18 0 0 16 8119 0	Berwick City JSC	16 10 2 4 25 18 34	North Caulfield	16 12 3 1 42 12 39	Bundaburra JSC	15 6 1 8 36 36 18
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Dandenong Thunder JSC	18 15 1 2 75 13 46	Boronia JSC	18 14 0 4 91 18 42	Bulleen JSC	16 1 2 6 30 20 28	Plenty Valley Lions JSC	16 0 0 18 1215 6
Bentleigh Greens JSC	18 14 1 3 60 16 43	Nunawading City JSC	18 12 0 6 60 21 36	Richmond JSC	16 1 2 5 33 22 29	Moreland Wolves	16 0 0 18 1215 6
Berwick City JSC	18 13 0 6 74 15 44	Manningham JSC	18 9 2 5 53 23 23	East Bentleigh JSC	18 5 2 8 36 36 18		
Langwarrin SC	18 13 0 6 13 39 39			Glen Eira JSC	18 5 1 12 19 44 16	MILO Boys North 16 B	P W D L F APT
Brighton JSC	18 10 1 7 51 24 31	Keysborough JSC	18 9 1 8 40 31 28	Port Melbourne	18 3 10 15 36 12	Varraville JSC	18 16 0 2 100 12 48
Frankston Pines JBC	17 8 2 7 40 23 26	Langwarrin SC	17 8 1 8 39 38 18	MILO Boys East 11 Joey's Orange	P W D L F APT	Brimbank City JSC	18 14 2 2 89 20 44
Doveton JSC	18 6 0 3 10 37 48 18	Glen Eira JSC	18 4 1 13 18 44 13	Bulleen JSC	18 15 2 0 87 3 50	North Coburg Utd	18 13 2 1 36 14 41
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Mornington SC	18 4 1 11 14 51 13	Berwick City JSC	18 0 2 2 2 56 3 38	East Bentleigh JSC	18 7 0 2 27 41 21	Light Jtd	17 10 3 4 44 23 33
Brighton JSC	18 4 0 1 2 19 38 12	North Caulfield JSC	18 0 2 2 6 31 23 23	Munisington JSC	18 7 0 2 27 41 21		

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JUNIOR LEAGUES



MILO Boys North 12 D

	P W D L F APT
Greenvale Utd	18 14 2 2 7 5 6 44
Broadmeadows Utd	17 13 1 3 6 2 23 40
Essendon Royals JSC	18 11 5 2 5 7 12 38
Moreland Utd	17 11 5 3 7 29 34
Youth Utd	18 10 3 5 4 9 33 33
Hume Utd	18 6 3 9 31 41 21
Brunswick Zebras JSC	17 6 3 11 24 41 18
Moreland Wolves	18 4 1 13 27 67 13
Watsonia Heights JSC	18 3 2 13 22 66 11
Alphington	17 1 0 18 17 74 3

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green

	P W D L F APT
Brunswick Zebras JSC	18 12 5 1 4 1 8 39
Bundoora JSC	16 12 1 5 47 8 37
Preston Lions JSC	16 10 4 2 4 0 9 34
North City Lions JSC	16 10 2 4 5 8 21 32
Brunswick City JSC	18 9 2 5 4 15 29
Heidelberg Stars JSC	18 5 1 10 29 33 16
Epping City SC	18 4 1 11 16 40 13
Heidelberg Utd	15 3 0 13 11 61 9
Etham North JSC	18 0 0 16 2 9 2 0

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple

	P W D L F APT
Melbourne Knights JSC	15 12 2 1 5 0 12 38
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	16 12 2 3 2 8 39
Essendon Royals JSC	15 11 3 1 5 0 9 36
Fawkner JSC	16 8 2 6 26 25 26
Light Utd	15 7 3 5 26 16 24
North City Lions JSC	18 4 3 9 18 30 15
Moreland City JSC	15 5 0 10 9 28 15
Brunswick Zebras JSC	15 1 2 12 7 43 5
Clifton Hill Jtd	15 0 1 14 4 51 1

MILO Boys North 11 Joey's Blue

	P W D L F APT
Morshead Jtd	16 15 1 0 87 5 48
Essendon Royals JSC	18 13 1 4 30 11 40
Diamond Valley Utd	18 11 4 3 39 14 37
Watsonia Heights JSC	18 7 2 9 26 37 23
Keon Park SC	15 6 3 6 20 20 21
Light United North JSC	15 6 2 7 28 20 20
Epping City SC	18 6 1 11 17 34 19
North Coburg Utd	16 4 3 9 11 22 15
Laird Utd	17 3 4 10 13 34 13
Brunswick City JSC	17 2 1 14 7 52 7

MILO Boys West 16 A

	P W D L F APT
Altona Rovers	18 17 0 1 05 15 51
Kelso Park	18 13 2 3 83 12 41
St Albans	17 12 2 3 66 26 35
Western Eagles	18 11 2 5 54 35 35
Bellarat Academy Of Soccer	17 7 3 7 40 38 24
Averton Park	18 6 4 8 32 36 22
WVSA	18 6 1 11 32 60 18
Sunbury Utd	17 5 1 11 31 74 16
Gibborne	17 3 0 14 17 74 9
Sunshine Heights	18 0 1 17 9 00 1

MILO Boys West 15 A

	P W D L F APT
Sunshine Georgies JSC	18 15 3 0 08 14 48
Altona Magic JSC	18 11 6 1 67 21 39
North Sunshine Eagles JSC	17 12 3 2 55 15 39
Brimbank JSC	18 10 2 6 68 35 32
Kelso Park JSC	18 9 2 7 62 36 29
Bellarat Academy Of Soccer	18 9 2 7 38 34 29
Avondale Heights JSC	18 6 0 12 22 59 18
St Albans	17 4 0 13 32 63 12
Melton SC	18 4 0 14 42 98 9
Hoppers Crossing JSC	18 0 0 18 5 123 4

MILO Boys West 14 A

	P W D L F APT
Green Gully	16 11 3 2 38 14 36
Altona Rovers	18 11 2 3 47 13 35
Altona City	16 10 1 4 53 15 31
Bellarat Academy Of Soccer	18 8 4 3 40 19 31
Kelso Park	18 9 4 2 38 17 31
Hoppers Crossing	18 4 2 10 34 46 14
St Albans	16 3 3 10 12 38 12
Laverton Park	15 2 2 12 22 52 6
Brimbank	18 1 1 14 10 80 4

MILO Boys West 13 A

	P W D L F APT
Sunshine Heights	18 17 1 0 85 8 62
Sunshine Georgies	18 13 2 3 62 20 41
Bellarat Academy Of Soccer	18 11 2 5 48 21 35
Kelso Park	18 9 1 8 37 23 28
Warrivee City JSC	18 9 3 6 43 23 30
Melbourne Knights JSC	17 7 6 4 35 15 27
Kelso Park JSC	18 8 4 8 36 26 22
Sydenham Park	18 7 3 8 20 33 24
Western Eagles	18 7 1 10 30 37 22
Melbourne Knights	18 1 1 18 5 85 4
Williamstown	18 1 0 17 11 82 3

MILO Boys West 12 A

	P W D L F APT
Brimbank JSC	18 15 2 1 86 10 47
Altona City JSC	17 12 2 3 83 12 38
Green Gully JSC	18 11 4 3 49 14 37
Altona Rovers JSC	18 11 3 4 76 22 36
Warrivee City JSC	18 9 3 6 43 23 30
Melbourne Knights JSC	17 7 6 4 35 15 27
Kelso Park JSC	18 8 4 8 36 26 22
Sydenham Park JSC	18 4 0 14 14 45 12
Hoppers Crossing JSC	18 1 0 17 5 10 4
Sunshine Heights JSC	18 1 0 17 5 19 3

MILO Boys West 12 B

	P W D L F APT
Sunshine Georgies JSC	16 11 0 1 26 14 40
Kelso Park JSC	16 12 0 4 49 10 38
Gibborne Junior Soccer Club	18 10 2 4 36 14 32
Bellarat Academy Of Soccer	16 8 3 5 35 20 27
St Albans	16 6 3 7 28 27 21
Avondale Heights JSC	16 6 0 10 21 34 18
Melton SC	16 4 2 10 18 37 14
Green Gully JSC	16 3 2 11 10 34 11
Brimbank JSC	16 3 1 12 12 51 10
Altona City JSC	0 0 0 0 0

MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green

	P W D L F APT
Altona City	14 11 1 2 63 9 34
Green Gully	14 10 1 3 62 9 31
Gisborne	13 10 0 3 27 10 30
Kelso Park	13 8 3 2 42 7 27
Altona Rovers	14 5 4 5 24 30 19
Hoppers Crossing	14 2 1 20 14 58 8
WVSA	14 2 1 11 19 51 7
Flemington Eagles	14 1 0 13 15 62 3

MILO Boys West 11 Joey's Blue

	P W D L F APT
Avondale Heights JSC	14 13 0 1 60 10 39
Williamstown JSC	14 8 4 2 30 9 28
Kelso Park JSC	13 8 1 4 35 13 25

BOO'S WORLD



Not on: There is always some idiot to ruin the party! Security removes the flare that was thrown from level three

What a big night Saturday night at the Dome was. I didn't think the ground would be that full, but sometimes I forget that Melbourne is the GREATEST SPORTING CITY IN THE WORLD.

Melbourne Storm were nearly filling Olympic Park at the same time as the Victory were playing in front of a crowd which could have filled Olympic Park twice over.

I'm still not entirely convinced by the Brazilians though. Someone needs to introduce Alessandro to the excellent American television series "Arrested Development". Then he can learn from the illusionist Gob that "tricks are what a whore does for money" I'd like to see some more end product from him before I start singing his praises.

Some people call Kevin Muscat a thug. Will they say the same about Fred? Muscat has been the difference in the midfield for Victory this season, he applies pressure and rarely wastes a ball when in possession. Fred was lucky the big screen at the Dome doesn't show replays on contentious incidents.

I'm not sure if throwing flares from Level Three onto the folks on Level One is the brightest idea. Certainly could have made the head of the bloke it landed on a bit brighter though. Good to see that most fans were critical of such an act, sad to see that Blue and White Bridge leader Adam "Tunna" Temmari was ejected before the end of the game for not handing over to police a megaphone he did not have.

The other game I attended on Saturday was a grassroots affair, Doveton v Southern Suburbs in Provisional League Division One South East. A 2-0 win to Doveton saw them clinch the Championship, having secured promotion to the State Leagues a week prior. A former top flight club, the Waratah Reserve outfit has had an outstanding season under coach Sam Elmazi and is now looking forward to a massive local derby with Berwick City next year.

A good crowd was in attendance, keen to see if the Doves would take the title, the Suburbs could take a step towards promotion, or if Peter Psarros would do anything.

Some great own goals in the Newcastle v Queensland game on Friday night. Paul Okon's was an especially neat finish. New Zealand Knights may have turned the corner this season, with a beiter from Malik Buari Newcastle could replace NZ as the out and out duds of the A League in Version 2.

Despite all the gossip, no big name Aussies amongst the transfers on International Deadline day last week. Viduka is still at 'Boro, Neill is still at Blackburn and Harry Kewell is still in Liverpool waiting for his gout to clear up so he can play in some Cup Finals.

Sydney no longer have a marquee player, with Dwight Yorke having signed for Sunderland FC will now base their marketing campaign around David Zdrilic.

Craig Foster has totally gone off the deep end, and his rants on The Word Game are bordering on madness. Sooner they sign up Katsa for the panel, the better. Craig Foster has gone mad.

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BAYSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Bayswater Strikers claim runners up spot.

Congratulations to Bayswater Strikers for finishing second in their debut season competing in the Bayside Football Association. They sealed second place after defeating another in-form team, Rosebud in the final round of the season.

This along with winning the pre-season cup held at Hampton Park United can only be topped by winning either of the Sands Hotel Challenge Cup or the Trophy-Wise League cup.

With the hot form they are currently enjoying that may need it as they will host new league champions Western Port Wanderers in the cup competition round of 16 starting this weekend.

In other results Western Port Wanderers were held to a 1 - 1 draw by Mt Llydale Old Collegians. Hampton Park United scored three against Croydon Ranges and finally Knox City was defeated by an in form Peninsula.

Frankston Pines Finishes Second

In the women's division Frankston Pines defeated Cuscatlan 1 - 0 to claim bragging rights for finishing second. It is a reformed Frankston Pines women's team that once competed in the VSF and finished second in the State League 3 South East 2004 season. For Cuscatlan it was a very impressive first season and will be one to watch next season.

Frankston Pines scored their third win of the season with a 3 - 0 win over Rosebud B whilst league champions Hampton Park United lost two in by Rosebud A, but that was still not enough for Rosebud as Hampton scored four.

Can Western Port Do The Double

It has been ten years since any club has won the major double, which is equivalent of winning the Premier League title and the Sands Hotel Challenge Cup. That team was the then dominant Rosebud. Can Western Port Wanderers, holders of this season's Premier League Title do the double? Well they have a tough task straight away with an away fixture to the most in-form team of the leagues, Bayswater Strikers, at the club.

Premier League- Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PMG
Western Port	18	10	5	3	43	21	35
Bayswater	18	10	3	5	53	20	33
Hampton Park	18	10	2	6	35	32	32
Rosebud	18	9	2	7	28	25	29
Boronia Knights	16	7	6	3	20	14	27
Peninsula	18	8	1	9	32	39	35
Croydon Ranges	17	7	2	8	35	33	23
Knox City	17	7	2	8	26	39	23
Mt Llydale	18	3	5	10	20	34	14
Pines Condors	18	3	0	15	22	57	9



Women's Expanding in 2006.

Already a number of teams have expressed interest in joining the Bayside Women's League for next season, perhaps to the relief of the six teams next season. It is hoped that between 8-12 teams will compete next season which has excited about the prospects of the women's division long term future.

John & Louise Byrne Benefit Bash

Sunday September 10th, between 02:00pm and 09:00pm
Venue : HV Jones Reserve, Melways : 73 G5

This is a benefit day for Louise and John Byrne who were involved in a serious road accident and Rob Nelson is organising a fund raising day at Boronia for this worthy cause. The monies are to go towards assisting them with rehabilitation costs.

Words and Photos by Steven Gray

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RISING STARS with Daniel Visevic



than that. But come expect point Visevic performing throughout the year.

To put Daniel's impact into perspective, he has scored at least two winners this season, and if Richmond had not have won these, they would've been protagonists in the recent relegation dogfight, a situation which looked likely midway through the season.

"Phil's got the boys training harder now. We used the two weeks off mid-season to re-assess our goals and, we're managing to score now, something we couldn't do for a while there," he said.

"My aim at the start of the season was to get to into double digits (for goals), which I've done, and I'm playing regularly. I feel that I've proved myself now."

Richmond fans will be extremely grateful that they weren't relegated, because in addition to the humiliation, an exodus of players led by Visevic would have been likely.

"Richmond is a great club, very professional but... I want to keep playing at the top level. Although in saying that I am still very happy here."

Without doubt Daniel's feelings towards the Eagles are assisted by the good relationship between himself and his current coach, Phil Stubbins, who has "taught him heaps". Stubbins, along with Ernie Merrick are Visevic's most significant coaches, with Visevic extremely appreciative of Merrick's great deal of faith which he placed in the then 16-year old.

This faith which threw Daniel straight from the VIS into the big time of A-League football is exactly what he was looking for. However this was not all that Merrick helped Daniel with, as Merrick also threw Visevic's name into contention for Joey's selection, for which he starred in on occasions. More like stole the show, actually. In the Joey's walkover 26-0 mauling of Tonga, Visevic was substituted on at 70 minutes, and by the final whistle,

Memo: Ernie Merrick. No need to travel half-way across the globe to find talented goal-scorers, we have plenty of them right here in your own backyard.

Before last week's match, Daniel Visevic had scored ten goals in twenty-five appearances for Richmond this season. According to my maths, that's a strike rate of two goals every five matches, so either Merrick must have some pretty high standards or he doesn't believe in the talent of Australians.

Of course it's the former, but either way Visevic wouldn't lose sleep over it. He is pretty content with where he and his game is at this point in time. And why wouldn't he be? At the age of 17, he has accomplished more than many others would achieve in their entire careers. Representative honours include appearances for the Australian under 17's, the Joeys, a one-year stint at the young guns nursery the VIS, and he is dubbed by observers as "the boy-wonder". Accolades don't come much higher

Visevic celebrates after scoring against Kingston earlier in the season



he had five goals next to his name. Again, putting maths to work, this is one goal every four minutes.

"It's a great life. I was travelling so often, I felt like I was away all year. I'm not sure why I was dropped (from the national team), though. They didn't really give me a reason."

However, if he can manage to keep the amount of goals which has been part and parcel of his form,

expect him to be kitting up in the blue of Victory or possibly even his personal favourite's Chelsea in the near future.

Whichever way you look at it though, it certainly is an amazing progression from the St. Albans Saints Under 8's.

By Jeremy O'Neill

Katsa's Korner



who spent the entire match in front of the South Melbourne Bench, controlling their every movement. The Official's name escapes me as I have this phobia about entering "press" boxes, thus I do not have the team sheets, but surely this gentleman could have found a better way to pass his time away.

Sunday saw two matches being scheduled, one at Somers St at 3.00 pm and the other at Bob Jane Stadium at 6.00 pm

Now I'm sure that a large portion of the fans that will attend the earlier match will then head off to Bob Jane Stadium.

The only winner here will be the Victoria Police whose speed cameras will clock a large number of these fans exceeding the speed limit, in their eagerness to catch the next match.

Perhaps the earlier match should have kicked off at 2.00pm, making it less stressful for fans wanting to catch both matches.

State Leagues

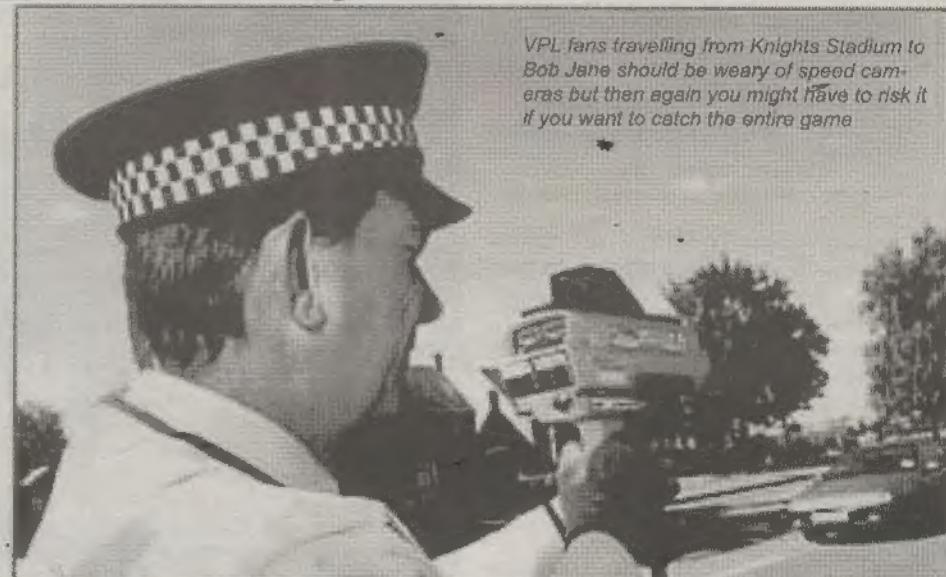
Off to Heidelberg's ground on Saturday afternoon for the Northcote Vs Western Suburbs encounter.

Suburbs Coach Mike Chatzirifonas thought that his entire year's work would go out of the window the minute he saw me arrive at the ground, as his first words to me, with a very worried look on his face, were: "Katsa, what are you doing here?" Now if I was him, I would be wondering the same thing, however, Suburbs gained promotion to the VPL after the 1-1 result, one which has Northcote sitting in second last position, the best that they can hope for is a place in the relegation play offs.

Melbourne's Victory

Ernie Ernie Ernie, you must have thought that all of your Christmases must come at once when the Victory were 2-0 up early into the match against a Yorkless Sydney FC, who were reduced to playing with ten men after Rudan received a red ticket.

I watched the match from the confines of the Katsa residence as Friday night's battle with J Walker got the



VPL fans travelling from Knights Stadium to Bob Jane should be weary of speed cameras but then again you might have to risk it if you want to catch the entire game

better of me, and I dozed off after 2-0, only to awake to Ernie's happy end.

On a positive note, it's great to see nearly 40,000 fans attend an A-League home and away match, Victory Marketing Department, take a bow.

A question for Ernie though, contrary to popular belief, I am a very analytical person.

Kristian Sarkies was good enough to be in the training squad for the World Cup, albeit for experience purposes only, yet he cannot get a gig at the Victory this year?

Somehow, this omission does not make much sense, but then again, I don't have the many coaching accreditations that Ernie has.

One week to go for the conclusion of the lower leagues.

There will be happy ends for some clubs and there will

be sad ones for others.

For the soccer junkies, the only winners will be the many psychological services available, as many will struggle with the six months of no soccer matches, me included!

The Westgate Bridge will be closely monitored this week for Club powerbrokers who's seasons have turned sour, wanting to make that famous left veer of their motor vehicles at the top.

The signs that indicate "Windy Conditions, please drive carefully", have been replaced with "The is always next year boys, think before your jump"

Until next week...

This is Katsa, but not as you've known him, and when the Fat Lady sings, I hope that your team is the winner!

13/26 Declared

7/21

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The Premier League home and away season is now over and we enter into the Finals Series, which promises to be a corker!

Premier League Clubs, take a bow! 14 Teams in total, 13 Coaching changes in all. I was tempted to post a final coaching changes scoreboard, but I will now wait until the finals are over, just in case another wicket is lost.

Now around the grounds we go for this week's action. On a warm barmy Friday night, South Melbourne took on Green Gully at Bob Jane Stadium, with South Melbourne securing a happy ending winning 3-0.

The FFV announced the attendance figure as 2050, however I challenge this number. There were 2050 fans there but they did not include Rin Tin Tin who made a last minute appearance, or his handler for that matter.

They formed part of the security team there; it is the first time that I have seen Alsation earning money at a soccer match.

Yellow ticket goes to the fourth official at this match,

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